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WSAP, PORTSMOUTH, VA., JOINS NBC RADIO NETWORK

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Station WSAP will become the primary radio affiliate of the National Broadcasting Company in Portsmouth, Va., and the Tidewater area effective Sept. 19, it was announced today by Harry Bannister, NBC vice president in charge of station relations, and Charles J. Duke Jr., president of the Portsmouth Radio Corporation.

Owned by the Portsmouth Radio Corporation, WSAP operates on 1350 kilocycles, with a power of 5,000 watts.

Carl J. Burkland, who has earned an outstanding reputation in the many years he has been in the broadcasting industry, is executive vice president and general manager of the station.

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NBC RADIO LEADS MULTI-WEEKLY P.M. PROGRAM FIELD

Win, place and show.

That's the front running record of three multi-weekly evening radio shows heard on NBC during the week of June 21-27, according to latest Nielsen figures. Most listened-to multi-weekly evening program in the country that week was NBC radio's ONE MAN'S FAMILY (Monday through Friday, 7:45 p.m., EDT), followed closely by NEWS OF THE WORLD (Monday through Friday, 7:30 p.m., EDT) and COKE TIME STARRING EDDIE FISHER (Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m., EDT), both also heard on NBC radio.

News coverage? How's this for saturation?

Each week, 634 news programs, accounting for 106 hours and five minutes of programming, are heard on the NBC radio and television networks and the owned and operated stations of NBC. Of these, 206 news shows, accounting for 42 hours, 45 minutes, originate in New York on both the network and WNBC and WNBT.

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NBC RADIO STATIONS OFFER MANY PROPOSALS FOR NETWORK SHOWS
IN RESPONSE TO TED COTT'S CROSS-COUNTRY TALENT PLAN

A cross-country idea-and-talent search was announced in a telegram to the NBC radio affiliates last weekend. Forty-eight hours after transmission of the message to stations inviting them to submit programs and personalities for possible network scheduling, NBC officials have more than a score of nominations for evaluation.

In his telegram to stations inviting submission of program ideas and personalities, Ted Cott, operating vice president of the NBC radio network, said, "America neither geographically nor creatively is a suburb of New York." He pointed out that the inherent mechanics of the network allow for a greater use of more originating points than the traditional New York, Hollywood and Chicago. "The NBC radio network speaks to America and therefore must reflect it. The best way to accomplish this is to listen to America by originating from all parts of the country," Cott said.

John P. Cleary, director of radio network programs, has been designated by Cott to head a program board which will screen the nominations of the affiliates.

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Cott, in his message to the stations, said in part:

"We are moving ahead to carry out our determination to bring to the NBC radio network new program attractions, new personalities and new entertainment formats which step by step will place your network in first program position in radio.

"We know our audience is as big and varied as America, and in making our program plans we are operating on the conviction that America is neither geographically nor creatively a suburb of New York. We want to cover every possible source of new programming, and we are sure that there are many valuable types of programs and personalities on our affiliated stations throughout the country which could be developed for network use. As part of our Fall plans we would like to explore, for inclusion in our network offerings, a number of the best programs which our affiliates originate around the country because we feel that this would give our programming variety and freshness.

"May I therefore earnestly request that you send to me at the earliest possible moment any recording or information on any program or personality which you feel should have a network niche. As our plans develop, you may be certain that we shall be in constant motion to remain in the forefront of the industry. Here is a way for us to form a partnership of creativity."

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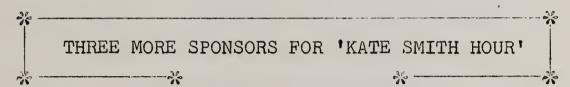
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Three more advertisers have bought time on THE KATE SMITH HOUR, popular daytime NBC-TV program which returns to the air Sept. 21 (Monday through Friday, 3-4 p.m., EDT).

The sponsors are:

James Lees and Sons Co. of Bridgeport, Pa., makers of carpets and rugs, who have bought the 3:30-3:45 p.m. Monday time spot for 39 weeks, beginning Sept. 21.

The Simoniz Company of Chicago, which has bought the 3:45-4:00 p.m. Thursday time spot for 39 weeks, effective Sept. 24.

Landers, Frary & Clark of New Britain, Conn., makers of Universal Electrical Appliances, who have bought the Wednesday, 3:30-3:45 p.m. time spot for 10 weeks, beginning Oct. 14.

D'Arcy Advertising Company is the agency for Lees, Sullivan, Stauffer, Colwell & Bayles, Inc., for Simoniz and Goold and Tierney Inc. for Landers, Frary & Clark.

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Advice to Lawmakers All in Day's Work

For NBC Camera Crews Filming Story

Of Nation's Capital for TV

Ever tell the President to brush his hair or straighten his tie? Ever tell a United States senator he talked too long and he'd better make it shorter? Ever tell a member of the Cabinet to get a little more solid fact into a statement?

NBC's camera crews in Washington do it every day to bring the film story of the nation's capital to the U.S. television audience.

NBC will mark its eighth
year of independent TV news-onfilm production with a special
anniversary program Sunday,
Aug. 23 (7 to 8 p.m., EDT),
entitled ASSIGNMENT: TOMORROW.
James Fleming is editornarrator.

NBC's film coverage of
Washington will be eight years
old on Aug. 23. In those
eight years NBC's Washington
cameramen and soundmen have
covered stories ranging from
the assassination attempt on
President Truman to a moonshine

raid in the Virginia Hills. They have helped bring the operations and personalities of the government into millions of television homes.

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NBC's Washington crews shoot for the "Camel News Caravan,"
"Today," the syndicated Daily News Service, WNBT's "11th Hour News"
and Washington's "Richard Harkness." Brad Kress and John Langenegger
cover the Capital. Al Simonson and John Hofen cover the White House.
Irving Heitzner takes the rest of the area.

Each morning in NBC's Washington newsroom, central newsdesk manager Art Barriault, and camera assignment chief Bill Corrigan, survey the stories that seem most important for the day and contact the crews. There's an important arrival at the National Airport, and Irving Heitzner is on his way to get 100 feet of silent footage. There's a hearing on the Hill that may get hot. Brad Kress and John Langenegger set up to record whatever happens. A key Washington figure visits the President. Simonson and Hofen are waiting for him when he comes out.

As the day's Washington news breaks, it's up to Barriault and Corrigan to dispatch the crews so that the top stories are covered -- without exception. Sometimes the crews have to make mad dashes across town to be on hand for the next news conference. But they make it. A big help in speedy coverage is the NBC station wagon, equipped with radio-telephone for contact at all times.

Once the film is shot, it's picked up by NBC's motorcycle courier, Jim Curtis. He threads his way through Washington's crowded streets to the lab where the film is processed, or to the airport where it's shipped direct to New York. Always, Curtis has to move in a hurry. In 1949, Senator Tom Connolly announced at 7 o'clock one evening that the first appropriation for Western Europe had just been

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passed to implement the North Atlantic Treaty. Brad Kress shot the statement and handed the film to Curtis. Jim ran for his motorcycle and headed for the lab three miles away. The film was processed and handed to Jim again. This time he took it to the studios, five miles from the lab. The film was on "Camel News Caravan" that night -- 50 minutes after it had been shot. Such feats -- seemingly incredible at the time -- have become standard practice.

David Brinkley supervises the editing of all Washington film for the "Camel News Caravan." After conferring with Camel editors in New York, Brinkley cuts the day's top Washington stories, writes a script to back them up, and goes on the air with the report at 7:45 p.m., EDT. Jean Montgomery helps Brinkley with the contact work necessary to set up the special features for which the "Camel News Caravan" is famous.

New Techniques Developed

nation, NBC in Washington has pioneered in several techniques. NBC was first to assign crews to permanent beats so they could develop thorough familiarity with primary news sources. NBC pioneered in shooting statements by officials in several "takes," changing the camera angle and distance during the delivery of a statement, so as to make the story more interesting to watch. NBC was first to use a hand camera so a story could be shot anywhere, not just in studios with elaborate facilities.

NBC was first with the idea of getting film interviews in interesting locales. Vice President Nixon and David Brinkley discussed the problems of the new Administration while riding in a government

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Cadillac. It was filmed for "Camel News Caravan" that night. NBC crews have gone into the Senate Dining Room and the Senate Barber Shop to get stories. They filmed one conversation between Senators Humphrey and Morse while the Senators rode horses on Morse's Maryland farm.

NBC was first to take the nations' television audience on a tour of the highly-restricted Russian embassy.

But sometimes there is news of a more tangible nature. One morning last March, NBC cameramen were on their way to work when a bulletin went out over the radio that something had happened at Union Station. Every one of the cameramen went over to see what was up. The result was the best footage shot by anyone on the now famous wreck of the Boston train, the "Federal Express," that had lost its brakes.

NBC's White House cameraman was on duty a few years ago when he heard shots from the street outside. He picked up his Auricon, portable sound camera, and ran out to see what had happened. The resulting pictures, on NBC that day, told a vidid story of the assassination attempt on President Truman in front of Blair House.

Sometimes, to cover the news in Washington, NBC's film crews have to be rather candid, yet tactful with the nation's leaders. If the President is out of doors and has a hat on, it is quietly pointed out to him that he should take it off. Shadows over the eyes don't look well on a TV screen, Or perhaps a Senator is making a statement and he goes on and on and on. The cameraman tells him in diplomatic terms it's too long and should be cut in half. The Senator does it over.

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Some government officials, new to their office, are reluctant to make statements when they're in the news. It's up to the camera crews and assignment editor Corrigan to persuade them that what they've got to say is important and that the nation should be able to see them say it.

Sometimes the President decides upon a sudden trip. NBC's White House crew gets only a few hours' notice, but it makes the plane.

These are a few of the problems involved in covering Washington, but with good contacts, lots of leg-work, and more push, NBC's crews tell the story.

What would Washington be like if the TV film men could have their say? Art Barriault sums it up for all of them. "The millenium will come when every Senator and Cabinet officer can clarify the most-complicated of political issues in a well-rounded, colorful, one-minute statement."

The millenium isn't here, but NBC's Washington film crews are bringing it closer.

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LELAND HAYWARD, MAURICE EVANS, ALBERT MCCLEERY AND OTHERS HONORED BY CHRISTOPHERS FOR TV ACHIEVEMENTS

Christopher Awards for the second quarter of 1953 have been awarded to Leland Hayward, NBC television producer and consultant, and to Maurice Evans for his two-hour production of "Hamlet" on NBC television's "Hallmark Hall of Fame," it was announced today.

These and other award winners were designated to receive the bronze Christopher medallion for their works which "reflect the Godgiven talent that can be exerted by one individual in the literary and entertainment fields," according to a statement by Father James Keller, director of the Christophers.

Hayward won his Christopher Award for his production of "The American Road," commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Ford Motor Company and presented as a dual network telecast. Writer Frederick Lewis Allen and director Clark Jones, whose regular directorial duties are with NBC's "Your Hit Parade," also received recognition from the Christophers in connection with the two-hour program.

In addition to Evans, Christopher medallions were announced for Albert McCleery, director of "Hallmark Hall of Fame," and the adaptors of the "Hamlet" script, Mildred F. Alberg and Tom Hughes Sand.

The Christophers were founded in 1945 by Father Keller. In making the awards, the objective of the Christophers is "to focus attention on the creative power resting in the hands of the individual writer, director, producer and to encourage that power to be used, under God, for the good of all."

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SCENES FROM TOP HOLLYWOOD FILMS TO BE SHOWN IN 22 MARKETS ON 'TODAY' PROGRAM

Scenes from top current productions of major Hollywood film studios will be shown on a local basis in 22 markets on NBC-TV's TODAY (Monday through Friday, 7-9 a.m., EDT and CDT) in five-minute segments bought by Cameo Curtains, Inc.

Known as "Prevue Cameos," the five-minute "Today" segments will have as their theme, "The Movie for Today. Go See A Movie Tonight."

Among the major productions from which scenes will be shown are "Roman Holiday," starring Gregory Peck; "Little Boy Lost," with Bing Crosby; and "The Captain's Paradise," with Alec Guinness.

Local theatre lobby displays, trailers, department store exploitation and newspaper ads will urge TV owners and movie-goers to watch the "Today" program for latest movie information, according to Irving Zuckerman, advertising manager for Cameo Curtains. Thekerman said the series will start later in August, with more markets eventually to be added to the 22 originally scheduled. Product Service, Inc., is the agency for Cameo Curtains, Inc.

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NBC SPOT SALES OFFICES FLY BANNERS IN SALUTE TO 'FRIENDLY FIREMAN WEEK' PROMOTION

It's "Friendly Fireman Week" in the offices of NBC Spot Sales throughout the country. To mark the event -- a promotion for Dave Cameron's kid show "The Friendly Fireman" on WRGB, Schenectady, Albany, and Troy -- banners are flying from the ceilings of the NBC Spot Sales offices, in New York, Chicago, Cleveland and Los Angeles and the office staffs are wearing souvenir firemen hats.

A special promotion mailing piece has been sent out by NBC Spot Sales with the theme, "He's Red Hot -- The Friendly Fireman." The promotion piece includes excerpts from the hundreds of typical letters received each week by Dave Cameron, cost per thousand of the show, pictures of the Friendly Fireman and his fans, the station's coverage area and other market facts.

"The Friendly Fireman" is presented over WRGB Mondaythrough-Friday (5-5:15 p.m.) and has the highest mail pull of any television show in New York's capital district area.

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DINAH SHORE WILL BE GRAND MARSHAL OF PARADE

AT CHEVROLET ALL-AMERICAN SOAP BOX DERBY

NBC singing star Dinah Shore will be honored guest and grand marshal of the parade at the All-American Chevrolet Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio, Sunday, Aug. 9. The finish in the final race of what is often referred to as "the greatest amateur racing event in the world," will be broadcast on NBC radio in a special program from Derby Downs, in Akron, Sunday from 4:30-4:45 p.m., EDT.

Accompanied by her husband, screen star George Montgomery,
Miss Shore plans to arrive in Akron on Saturday, Aug. 8, and will lead
the parade prior to the racing classic in Chevrolet's newest sports
car, the Corvette.

Under the sponsorship of Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors and leading American newspapers, official Soap Box Derby races are being held in 150 communities in the United States. The top national prizes have been increased to \$15,000, including as first award for the winner a four-year college scholarship diploma worth \$5,000, plus a trophy. Other prizes include \$4,000, \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 scholarships; motion picture cameras, projectors, television sets and other valuable awards.

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FELICIA SAUNDERS TO SING WITH SAMMY KAYE'S BAND

Sammy Kaye has chosen vocalist Felicia

Saunders to sing on his new NBC-TV show Saturday,

Aug. 8 (8 p.m., EDT). Each week for the five weeks

of the show Kaye will choose another recording

vocalist.

For the opening program Kaye has selected "I Can't Give You Anything but Love" as his "dusty manuscript" number. Other music set for the show will be "Crazy, Man, Crazy" and, for Felicia Saunders, the "Song from Moulin Rouge." For his "So You Want to Lead a Band," Kaye will bring several contestants from the audience to the stage.

The program is produced by Charles Irving and directed by Irving Cirker. The scriptwriters are Rus Beggs and Jack Raymond.

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FILM DIVISION

'DANGEROUS ASSIGNMENT' SOLD TO 118th MARKET; SYNDICATED HOPALONG CASSIDY FILM TO 117th

"Dangerous Assignment" was sold this week to Station KFDX-TV in Wichita Falls, Tex., John B. Cron, national sales manager for the NBC Film Division, announced today, bringing to 118 the total number of markets in which the program has been sold.

Other new sales this week were the one-hour Hopalong Cassidy film to WFPA in Pensacola, Fla. (bringing total markets to 117);

"Weekly News" to the Sherman Advertising Agency in San Francisco,

WROM-TV in Rome, Ga., and WISE-TV in Asheville, N.C. (54 markets);

"Captured" to KLAS-TV in Las Vegas, Nev., and WGVL-TV in Greenville,

S.C.; "Life of Riley" to KELO-TV in Sioux Falls, S.D., to the Hartman

Agency for Sawyer Biscuit in Chicago, and KOTV in Tulsa, Okla.;

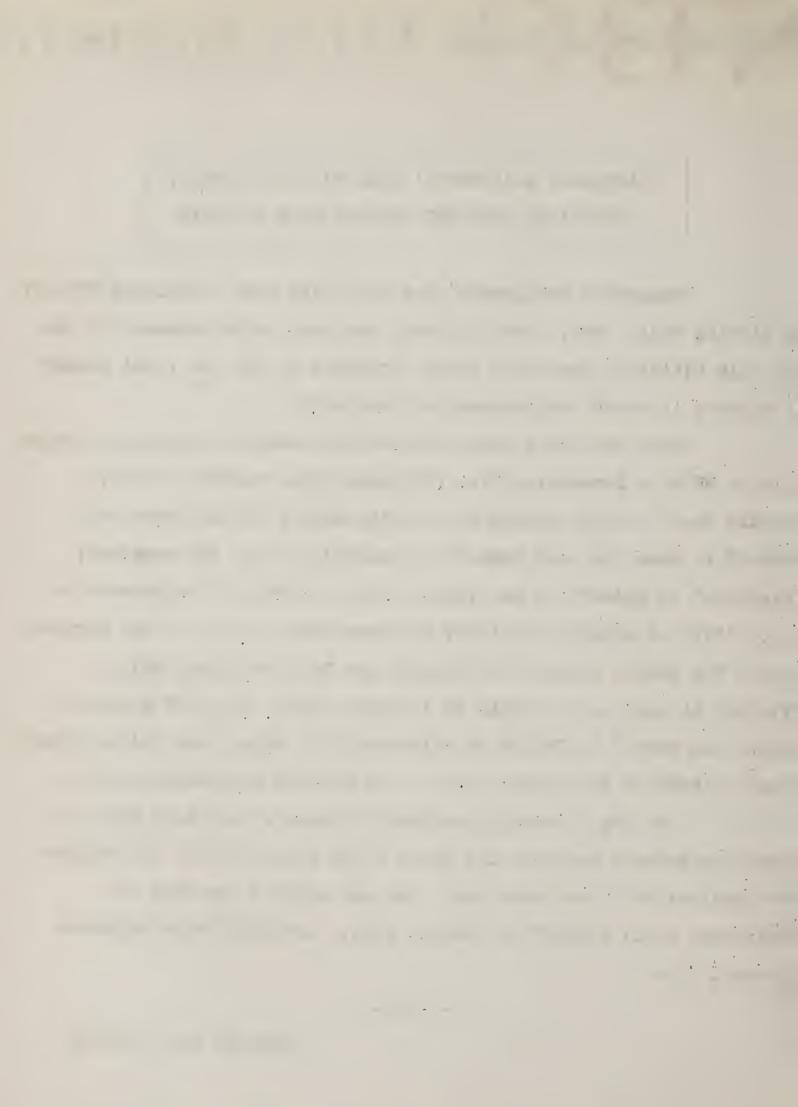
"Victory at Sea" also to KELO TV in Sioux Falls, S.D. (47 markets);

"Watch the World" to WKY-TV in Oklahoma City, Okla.; and "Lilli Palmer"

Show" to KPHO-TV in Phoenix, Ariz., and WISE-TV in Asheville, N.C.

"The Cop," formerly entitled "Dragnet," has been sold in three new markets bringing its total to 27 markets since its release for syndication a few weeks ago. The new markets are WFPA in Pensacola, Fla.; KCSJ-TV in Pueblo, Colo., and KRDO-TV in Colorado Springs. Colo.

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R.J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO. SIGNS TO SPONSOR 'GRAND OLE OPRY' FOR 15TH YEAR

Fourteen years and still going strong. That's the record of Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco on that institution of American radio, NBC's GRAND OLE OPRY (Saturdays, 9:30 p.m., EDT).

on Oct. 14, the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, maker of Prince Albert, will mark the beginning of its 15th year of sponsorship of the popular country music program which has helped make Nashville, Tenn., the folk music capital of the world. Represented by William Esty Company, Inc., the tobacco firm recently signed to sponsor the show for another 52 weeks, the contract year ending June 26, 1954.

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WSYR-TV TO JOIN LIST OF STATIONS CARRYING 'TODAY' SHOW

TODAY, NBC-TV's early morning news and special events show, will soon branch out into another market with almost 200,000 tele-vision sets.

Effective Sept. 7, station WSYR-TV in Syracuse, N.Y., will be added to the line-up of stations carrying the popular 7-9 a.m., EDT and CDT program. WSYR will become the 46th station in the East, South and Midwest to schedule "Today."

Featuring Dave Garroway and Jack Lescoulie, "Today" has opened up the Monday-through-Friday early morning television market in the year and a half it has been on the air.

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JOHN D. McTIGUE IS NAMED ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE FOR NBC RADIO NETWORK PRESS ACTIVITIES

Emphasizing the importance of the new revitalization plans now under way on the NBC radio network, John D. McTigue of the Press Department staff has been designated as account executive solely for radio network press activities.

The detachment of McTigue from other Press Department duties marks the assignment of a fourth radio veteran to the expanding team being assembled by William Fineshriber, vice-president in charge of the NBC radio network, and Ted Cott, operating vice president. Other members of the team, as announced last week, are Fred Horton, director of radio network sales; John P. Cleary, director of radio network programs; and Merrill Mueller, radio news and features executive.

McTigue will report to Richard Connelly, director of Press for NBC, but will confine his activities solely to the new NBC radio organization. He will use the existing facilities of the Press Department where all sections, including trade press, magazines, column and syndicate placement, music, news and photo, are putting emphasis on publicizing and exploiting the expansion of the separate radio network.

McTigue has been in radio and television for more than 20 years. He recently returned to NBC following a tour of duty as a Psychological Warfare officer in Germany. He was a member of the NBC Press staff for 10 years until 1941, when he went to ABC as director of publicity for WJZ. Following a two-year stint as a war correspondent in Psychological Warfare in the Mediterranean during World War II, McTigue returned to ABC as manager of Special Events.

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NBC RADIO AND TELEVISION BRING NATION SWIFT NEWS OF PRISONER-OF-WAR EXCHANGE IN KOREA

The National Broadcasting Company will continue to bring radio network listeners the names of released American prisoners of war as promptly as they are released to the Allies at Panmunjom, breaking in on programs whenever necessary.

TV station affiliates will announce the names of liberated soldiers on a local basis, with cameramen and correspondents available for interviews with the families of the returning men, and other special features.

Soon after the exchange started last night, at exactly 8:26:15 p.m., EDT, NBC newsman Irving R. Levine broke into the NBC-TV "Revlon Mirror Theatre" program with the first bulletin. The first flash on short wave radio announcing the names of the released captives was carried on NBC radio at 8:30 p.m., EDT.

Veteran NBC newsman John Rich was among the Allied correspondents stationed at Panmunjom, where the returning prisoners were to be checked against rosters of names supplied by the Communists and then removed by truck, helicopter and ambulance to Munsan.

Rich reported that the prisoners appeared to be in "good shape generally," and that the first contingent to be flown to the

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United States would in all probability arrive within two days. NBC reporter Wilson Hall covered the arrival of the liberated prisoners at Freedom Village, Munsan.

Crews with television cameras and recording equipment were alerted from 8 p.m., EDT, until midnight, in New York, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Hollywood, San Francisco, Dallas and Cleveland to interview families of repatriated prisoners for later presentation on the NBC radio and television networks. Some of the interviews were shown on this morning's "Today" program.

Bulletins announcing new names last night were broadcast during the following radio programs: "First Nighter," (8:30-9 p.m., EDT); "Baron and the Bee" (9-9:30 p.m., EDT); "Cousin Willie" (9:30-10 p.m., EDT); Henry Cassidy's news program (10:30-10:35 p.m., EDT) and on later news programs.

Announcements were made on NBC-TV during the following programs: "Revlon Mirror Theatre" (8-8:30 p.m., EDT): "Break the Bank" (8:30-9 p.m., EDT); "Nothing But the Best" (9-9:30 p.m., EDT); "This Is Your Life" (9:30-10 p.m., EDT); "Two for the Money" (10-10:30 p.m., EDT); and on later regularly scheduled news programs.

At 10:30 p.m., EDT, Bob Considine on his regular show presented a special documentary news film received by plane earlier in the day from the scene of the prisoner of war exchange in Korea. The film was followed by direct on-the-spot short wave reports from John Rich at Panmunjom.

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Other NBC veteran news commentators who broadcast the special announcements, included Bill Fitzgerald and Leon Pearson.

Supervising the overall planning for the coverage was Joe Meyers, editor of the NBC central news desk. Arrangements were under direction of Chet Hagen, Arthur Wakelee and Joe Michaels. Frank McCall produced a special news program for the "Camel News Caravan," and Buck Price prepared another special program for NBC's "Today."

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NEW WEEKLY TV SITUATION COMEDY SERIES TO STAR EZIO PINZA

Philip Morris Company and Lady Esther, Ltd., Will Sponsor

Bonino, Story of Concert Singer, Father of Eight

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Ezio Pinza will star in a new weekly television series titled BONINO starting Saturday, Sept. 12 (NBC-TV, 8-8:30 p.m., EDT). The program will be a situation comedy, utilizing Pinza's acting and singing talents.

"Bonino" was conceived by Thomas W. Phipps and Robert Alan Aurthur and will be written by Aurthur in collaboration with David Shaw. The program will be produced by Fred Coe, noted producer of "Television Playhouse" and "Mr. Peepers."

The new series will concern the life of Bonino, a concert singer, and his family of eight motherless children. The situations develop in many ways as Bonino takes over as head of the household after a prolonged absence. His eldest daughter's romance, his son's difficulties in college, his younger children's problems of adjustment all will provide material for episodes in the weekly program. Through
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out it all the character of Bonino, warm and genial, will continue to unfold and develop. There also will be room for romance in the life of widower Bonino.

Pinza will sing on the program, but only when music fits into the context of the story. There will be no fixed number of songs: sometimes there will be several, at other times perhaps none. The orchestra will be directed by Donald Voorhees, who also is musical director of NBC's "The Telephone Hour."

The role of Martha, the maid, will be played by Mary Wicks, that of Rusty, the former valet, by Mike Kellin and the concert manager Walter Rogers will be played by David Opatashu. Casting for the roles of the eight Bonino children is now going on; the actors for these roles will be announced shortly by producer Fred Coe.

"Bonino" will have two co-sponsors: the Philip Morris Company and Lady Esther, Ltd. The first three programs, starting Sept. 12, will be sponsored solely by Philip Morris. Lady Esther will begin sponsorship on Oct. 3. Each week one will be the major sponsor and the other the minor sponsor, alternating throughout the season.

Agency for both sponsors is The Biow Company.

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'TODAY' TO ENTER FALL SALES SEASON WITH LARGEST CLIENT LIST OF ANY PROGRAM IN TV HISTORY

Show's Flexibility Suited to Large and Small Advertisers

TODAY, NBC-TV's early morning news and special features program, will enter the Fall sales season with the largest client roster of any show in the history of television, George Frey, NBC vice president in charge of television network sales, said today.

The daily variety show, which in the past year and a half has opened up wide the morning television market, lists 58 individual campaigns to date this year--including those already completed, those currently being aired and future 1953 commitments. Of all these bookings, 25 are long-term campaigns.

In addition to the numerous large budget advertisers who have climbed aboard the "Today" bandwagon, a great number of smaller business participants are represented--businesses that have found the flexibility of "Today" ideally suited to their needs.

The result of this tremendous upsurge in business is that "Today" is rapidly pushing toward the saturation point in sales. Now on order for the last four months of this year are a total of 723 segments out of an available total of 1408, indication that "Today" will

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average at least 60 per cent of sellout this Fall, even without counting in the heavy holiday season marketing for which the program has wide appeal. These sold segments will bring an average gross volume of \$2,169,000 for the final four months of 1953.

Among the advertisers who recently have signed for campaigns --large, intermediate and small--on "Today" are: Florida Citrus Commission, Standard Brands, Inc., American Safety Razor Corp., Emerson Drug Co., American Maize Products Co., American Hair and Felt Co., U.S. Rubber Co., E.R. Squibb & Son, Crosley Division, Avco Manufacturing Corp., Du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc., Morton Packing Co., Hawaiian Pineapple Co., Ltd., General Mills, Inc., General Electric and others.

Aside from its lengthy client list, another indication of "Today's" success is the repeated return of agencies to the program on behalf of their clients. In recent months, ll sponsors have signed for "Today" through Batten, Barton, Durstine and Osborn, Inc.; seven have been booked by Young & Rubicam, Inc.; five by Ruthrauff & Ryan, Inc.; and four by J. Walter Thompson.

"Today" is seen Monday-through-Friday from 7-9 a.m., EDT and CDT over NBC-TV, with Dave Garroway, Jack Lescoulie and Frank Blair.

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ON 'FISHER BODY AWARD' PROGRAM ON NBC RADIO AND TV

Forty of America's youngest and most talented model automobile designers will be spotlighted in a half-hour radio and television broadcast titled FISHER BODY AWARD on NBC radio and TV network Tuesday, Aug. 18 (9:30-10:00 p.m., EDT). The program will originate in Detroit.

The young car designers are this year's regional winners in the annual Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild model car competition. Eight of the 40 regional winners will be announced during the broadcast as grand national winners and recipients of university scholarships with a total value of \$20,000.

Scene of the ceremony will be the annual scholarship award banquet of the Guild in Detroit's Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel. Banquet guests will include many of the country's leading educators, scientists and industrialists.

Participants in the broadcast will include Harlow H. Curtiœ, president of General Motors; Herold C. Hunt, superintendent of schools in Chicago; Frederick L. Hovde, president of Purdue University; L.C. Goad, executive vice president of General Motors; and Dr. George J. Fisher, national commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America.

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The famous inventor, C.F. Kettering, will introduce and interview the eight scholarship winners. Toastmaster and master of ceremonies will be James E. Goodman, president of the Craftsman's Guild and GM vice president in charge of the Fisher Body Division.

More than 3,200,000 boys have participated in Guild activities since its inception in 1930. To date the Guild has awarded 115 university scholarships worth \$380,500 and more than 10,000 boys have received state and regional awards in past Guild competitions.

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EDWIN T. JAMESON JOINS NBC SPOT SALES

Edwin T. Jameson will join NBC Spot Sales in New York as a salesman on Monday, Aug. 10, George Dietrich, Eastern radio manager, NBC Spot Sales, announced today.

Jameson comes to NBC from Free and Peters, where he was an account executive for two-and-a-half years. Previously, he was with Crosley Broadcasting for five years as a sales executive, and before that was with WNEW and CBS.

Jameson was born in Kansas City, Mo., and attended Columbia College and New York University. During World War II, he served in the Army. He is married, lives in Flower Hill, L.I., N.Y., and has two children. He is a member of the Radio and Television Executives Society of New York and the Poor Richard Club in Philadelphia.

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	EIGHT-YEAR FOOTAGE OF NEWS-ON-FILM IN ONE HOUR	
	POSES HUGE 'TO DROP OR NOT TO DROP' QUESTION	
	FOR 'ASSIGNMENT TOMORROW' PRODUCER FLEMING	
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"With the NBC resources at our disposal we could put on a 24-hour-long program, and the story of the network's eight years of news-on-film production would still hold interest."

Jim Fleming speaking. Fleming is narrator and editor of "ASSIGNMENT TOMORROW: Eight Years of NBC-TV News," which will be telecast Sunday, Aug. 23 (NBC-TV, 7-8 p.m., EDT).

Fleming, 38, onetime war correspondent who has been with NBC since March, 1949, sees his greatest challenge in the one-hour time limitation imposed on the anniversary show.

Fleming has approached the problem of bringing a coherent sound-and-picture image of the eight-year period not merely as a chronological summary. He is using as narrators persons who have been intimately involved with great events. He hopes to create "impressionistic sequences" which not only tell the top stories but serve to penetrate more deeply into their significance.

Fleming points out that the toughest problem of all is that of selection and rejection. At the moment he has decided to allow a good segment of time for retelling the famous Senate crime hearings (more)

en de la companya de la co in New York. "Any story that meant so much to TV is worth a long playback on a TV anniversary," he says.

But he hasn't made up his mind yet about a certain piece of footage in which the late George Bernard Shaw speaks his final will and testament.

"It's wonderful footage," says Fleming," but if I let it run, I've got to drop something else."

Colleagues suspect that Fleming will "let it run," and that GBS will remain with "Assignment: Tomorrow."

Tape versus film? Fleming remains devoted to both, and with "Assignment: Tomorrow" he feels that he can do justice to both.

Actually, two difficult editorial techniques are being employed in preparation of the program,

These techniques involve (1) the assembly of the film clips from thousands of feet of news film available in the NBC library, (2) and the audio program. With tape recordings, few persons are involved, says Fleming, but in working with film, a corps of talented collaborators are pressed into service, including librarians, researchers, editors, assistant editors, writers, a director, cameramen and sound men. For TV news commentators, the preparation of "Assignment: Tomorrow" demanded team play on a mammoth scale; recordings and radio documentaries can be prepared by a task force of three or four.

Fleming recently completed his third current history record album for RCA Victor, featuring the story in sound of Dwight D. Eisenhower as a soldier, educator and President. Earlier albums were the best-selling "Mr. President" and "Adlai Stevenson Speaks."

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EMANUEL SACKS IS ELECTED A STAFF VICE PRESIDENT OF NBC;
ALSO WILL CONTINUE PRESENT DUTIES WITH RCA

FOR RELEASE MONDAY A.M., AUGUST 10

Brig. General David Sarnoff, Chairman of the Boards of Directors of the RCA and the NBC, today announced that Emanuel Sacks, now a Staff Vice President of the Radio Corporation of America, has been elected to serve also as a Staff Vice President of the NBC. Mr. Sacks will continue with his present duties and responsibilities as Vice President and General Manager of the RCA Victor Record Department.

In his new post with the NBC, Mr. Sacks will function as an assistant to General Sarnoff in connection with the latter's present duties at the NBC. Mr. Sacks has a wide acquaintance in the entertainment industry and a long-standing close association with performers He will assist the various divisions of the NBC in their activities in the talent field, as well as in other areas.

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Mr. Sacks joined RCA on Feb. 1, 1950, as Director of Artists Relations for the RCA Victor Division and the National Broadcasting Company. He was elected a Staff Vice President Dec. 1, 1950, and was named General Manager of the RCA Victor Record Department on Jan. 5, 1953.

Before joining RCA, he was associated with the phonograph record industry for nearly ten years. Prior to that time he was for seven years with the Music Corporation of America.

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SHWAYDER BROS., FIRST LUGGAGE MANUFACTURER TO ENTER

NETWORK TELEVISION, WILL SPONSOR A SEGMENT OF

'YOUR SHOW OF SHOWS' AND 'ALL STAR REVUE'

With the announcement that it will sponsor a segment of NBC-TV's YOUR SHOW OF SHOWS and ALL STAR REVUE this year, Shwayder Bros., Inc., of Denver, Colo., becomes the first manufacturer of luggage to enter network television.

The firm, which makes Samsonite Luggage and Samson furniture, has signed to sponsor a 10-minute segment between 10 and 10:30 p.m. on the popular Saturday night shows (9-10:30 p.m., EDT).

In entering TV, the Shwayder company has set up an entirely new budget for television advertising, and is not diverting advertising capital from any other media, Howard McNaughton, advertising manager, said.

"Your Show of Shows," starring Sid Caesar and Imogene Coca, will be presented three out of every four weeks, beginning Sept. 12.

"All Star Revue" will be presented on the fourth week in the same time spot, beginning Oct. 3.

Grey Advertising Agency, Inc., is the agency for Shwayder Bros.

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PLAN IS ANNOUNCED FOR SALE OF 26 NEW, FULL-LENGTH NBC FEATURE FILMS TO STATIONS AND ADVERTISERS

FOR RELEASE MONDAY, AUG. 10

Details of the unique plan whereby 26 new, full-length feature films -- none of which ever before have been shown on television -- will be sold to local stations and to local and regional advertisers were announced today by Robert W. Sarnoff, vice president in charge of the NBC Film Division.

The NBC Film Division's first group of feature films, more than half of which were produced since 1950, includes such outstanding hits as "No Orchids for Miss Blandish," with Jack La Rue and Linden Travers; "The Glass Mountain," starring Valentina Cortesa; "Folly to Be Wise," with Alastair Sim; "Who Goes There?" with Valerie Hobson and Peggy Cummins, and many other features which round out a well-balanced list of comedy, drama and mystery fare for local showing.

Featured in the other films are such outstanding stars as Douglas Montgomery, Claude Rains, Francis L. Sullivan, Clive Brook, Nigel Patrick, Martita Hunt, Martin Kosleck and many other performers of international fame.

Unusual aspects of the plan include a delivery arrangement whereby a station can be assured of a supply of films each month, with a stipulated time allowed to play off a specified number of runs. Six films are delivered the first month, with four a month for the following five months. However, if a station desires a quicker play-off period, such a request will be accommodated.

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The films will be available on a staggered basis. The rights to play these films within a certain period will begin not from the date of signing the agreement but from the date of the availability of the films themselves. For instance, the six films available in October, 1953, may be played off until the end of September, 1954. The four films available in November, 1953, may be played off until the end of October, 1954 -- and so on.

The station will indicate to the NBC Film Exchange three weeks in advance of the telecast date which of the 26 films it wants. Delivery will be made at least 48 hours before air time.

Another unusual aspect of the NBC Feature film plan is the fact that all the films, screened and approved by the NBC Continuity Acceptance department, conform to the NARTB Code and therefore require no editing by the local station for reasons of morality or public acceptance. Each film will be available in two versions: 54 minutes and full length.

The high quality of each print will be assured by the fact that the films, distributed through the NBC Film Exchange, conform to the broadcast quality standards set by the NBC Engineering Department.

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NBC NEWSMEN STATIONED THROUGHOUT WORLD SELECT

10 TOP STORIES SINCE NETWORK BEGAN

NEWS-ON-FILM COVERAGE IN 1945

The NBC News Department today named the 10 biggest stories covered by its television cameramen-reporters since the start of this form of TV news coverage by the network eight years ago -- the first in this field of journalism.

The eighth anniversary of NBC-TV's news-on-film production will be marked with a special program, ASSIGNMENT: TOMORROW, Sunday, Aug. 23 (7-8 p.m., EDT), in which viewers will see highlights of 3,000 days of history as recorded by newsreel cameramen working under difficult and often hazardous conditions. James Fleming will be narrator of the program.

The 10 biggest stories were selected by polling NBC newsmen stationed in key points throughout the United States, North and South America, Europe, Africa, the Near East, the Far East and the Pacific.

The stories are:

- 1. A-bomb on Hiroshima speeds end of World War II and opens Atomic Age.
- 2. Founding of United Nations begins period of attempt to settle world conflicts peacefully through international cooperation.

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- 3. The Red coup in Czechoslovakia and the blockade of Berlin symbolize the outbreak of "cold war."
- 4. The Marshall Plan and NATO mark the beginning of vast U.S. efforts to bolster the non-Communist world economically and militarily.
- 5. Communist victory in China shifts the balance of power in Asia.
 - 6. In Korea the cold war turns hot.
- 7. Truman upsets Dewey in 1948 elections, extending Democratic administration.
- 8. Eisenhower's election in 1952 finally returns the Republicans to power.
- 9. The Texas City explosions, tornadoes, floods and droughts make homefront "disaster headlines."
- 10. The death of Stalin starts a Kremlin revolution with worldwide impact.

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NBC-TV'S MULTI-WEEKLY EVENING SHOWS LEAD 'EM ALL

Paced by CAMEL NEWS CARAVAN, America's most popular television news program, NBC-TV shows are rated one-two-three among multi-weekly, evening programs, according to the first July report of the Nielsen Television Index.

The ratings are topped by "Camel News Caravan" (Monday-through-Friday, 7:45 p.m., EDT), followed by COKE TIME STARRING EDDIE FISHER (Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:30 p.m., EDT) and THE DINAH SHORE SHOW (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., EDT).

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SHOWING TANDEM PLAN COSTS LESS THAN SPOTS

Hugh M. Beville, Jr., Answers SRA Claim

A vigorous answer to claims that spot announcements are cheaper for the radio advertiser than NBC radio's Tandem Plan was made today by Hugh M. Beville, Jr., NBC's director of research and planning.

Beville made his statement in reply to an Aug. 1 press release by the Station Representatives Association attacking the tandemtype operation.

Point by point, Beville ripped into the "misleading facts upon which these conclusions are based."

"First of all," he pointed out, "the net time and talent cost of NBC's Tandem would be reduced to \$11,425 for a year-round advertiser rather than the 52-week cost of \$15,000 cited in the Station Representatives Association report. Thus, the SRA is exaggerating the cost of NBC's Tandem plan by almost \$4,000."

Commenting on the use of Pulse ratings in the report, Beville said that "absolutely no value was given to the coverage provided by NBC stations outside of the local market."

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"In the case of network stations," he said, "this outside coverage frequently is larger and of greater value to the advertiser than the local city coverage. The method which SRA used assumes that a 2.0 rating on a 250-watt independent station is equal in value with a 2.0 rating on a 50,000-watt, clear-channel network station. Such misuse of ratings has been bitterly fought by most elements in the industry for years. It is inconceivable that any industry group should resort to such misleading use of ratings figures in manufacturing the basis for attacking other elements of the radio broadcasting industry."

Beville noted that, in comparing figures, the SRA counted time and talent costs on the network side while only figuring in spot time costs. The cost of preparing spot announcements, either live or transcribed, is conservatively estimated as eight per cent of the net time cost of the announcement, he said.

Beville said the SRA report "completely overlooked" the extra value to Tandem advertisers derived from the opening and closing bill-boards offered by the plan, and similarly ignored the prestige and merchandising value of network stars and programs.

Another defect in the SRA report pointed out by Beville was the comparison of the cost of three one-minute announcements in Class A time on the network stations as representing the cost to the Tandem advertiser for network coverage in those markets.

"If the SRA report had used the network time rates, the figures would be vastly different," he said. "For example, the SRA indicates that the cost of three one-minute announcements in Los Angeles to a Tandem advertiser would be \$300. Instead, the net time cost to such an advertiser, based on discounted network rates, would

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be \$171.72 on a 52-week basis. On a less-than-52 week basis, the comparative costs would be \$356.25 on a spot basis versus a network cost of \$204.12. The overall effect of this type of computation exaggerates the advertiser's time cost by 40 per cent in the top markets listed by SRA."

Beville noted a table included in the SRA report which showed that the spot radio cost in Buffalo for 26 minute announcements is \$182, or \$7 per announcement.

"In the Buffalo market," he said, "only two stations sell minute announcements at this price, and on both stations these announcements are available only between 11:30 p.m. and 7 a.m."

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Stock shot film libraries are as important to stations, agencies and TV producers today as morgues are to newspapers. Newspapers use their filed data to fill out news stories, sometimes compiling entire features from morgue notes, while in TV, stock shot libraries are the mainstay of news and special events shows and play an increasingly vital role in most other video programing. Besides their obvious value as time and money savers, there are many scenes made available which would be impossible to duplicate.

The NBC-TV Film Library, started in the earliest experimental days of TV, has the largest collection of stock footage especially photographed for TV use. Over 18,000,000 feet of film are stored in 22 vaults with approximately 50,000 more feet added every week, available for both TV film and live programs. The bulk of this film was culled from the millions of feet of newsreel film shot all over the world by NBC cameramen and from the film projects produced by or for NBC on live shows.

Containing 2,200 main subject heads and sub-classified into no less than 14,750 individual topics, the library is so minutely cross indexed that the "Atom Bomb" category includes everything from

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 'cyclotron' to 'secrets stolen' and the "Personalities" file runs from "Acheson" to "Zanuck." The library services the mystery-drama field with such subject headings as "blood," "corpses," "coffins" and mortuaries." Public service plugs are augmented with every kind of campaign from "bonds" to "tuberculosis."

Practically all NBC-TV shows use the stock Film Library on a regular or part-time basis. Among items supplied are fashion and food shots for women's shows; scenic background for musical productions; round-the-world coverage for travel programs; animal and human interest material for children's shows; and endless news and special events shots for documentaries, quiz shows and educational programs. Now the film library is available to local stations and outside producers to provide a solution to many of their programming and production problems.

The various news shows find the Film Library invaluable. For example, when the NBC newsroom received a flash that King George VI had died, complete obituary film material was supplied in two hours. To maintain this type of service, the Film Library is open from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. and librarians are on call at all other hours.

Examples of demands made on the library are calls for such shots as a montage of parades to illustrate martial music on "Voice of Firestone," various scenic backgrounds for "Your Hit Parade," shrimp boats for the song of that name, zany shots of flagpole-sitters and a spaghetti-eating contest for comedian Bob and Ray.

NBC-TV Film Library staffers are encouraged to use individual imagination to create the desired effects. One request called for a

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"stampede" sequence which was one of the few shots not on file. However, the request was adequately filled by combining shots of two horses fighting and a herd of horses racing past the camera.

Recent orders were for "corpuscles of a frog's blood,"
"microscopic views of germs," and "a front seat ride on a roller
coaster."

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NBC'S 'NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR' TO MARK 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO AGRICULTURE

It's going to be an especially "beau-ti-ful day in Chicago" when the National Farm and Home Hour, NBC's pioneer agriculture service program, marks a quarter century of broadcasting with a full hour special program Saturday, Sept. 12 (NBC radio, 1-2 p.m., EDT). The program usually is a half hour in length.

The Silver Anniversary broadcast guest list will include U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson; W.A. Roberts, president of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, sponsor of the program since 1945; several veterans of the first broadcast of October 2, 1928, and radio celebrities who appeared on the program in its early days.

Heading the National Farm and Home Hour "old-timers" will be Frank Mullen, former NBC executive vice president, who as the network's agricultural director launched the program in 1928; William E. "Bill" Drips, who followed Mullen as NBC director of agriculture; Jennings Pierce, former director of the one-time West Coast edition of the program, and veteran character actor Harvey Hayes, who portrayed a forest ranger role on the program for many years.

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Fran Allison of Kuklapolitan fame, a frequent guest star on the program some years ago, will also help celebrate the anniversary, as will NBC stars Fibber McGee and Molly.

Whitey Berquist, himself a quarter-century veteran, will conduct the Homesteaders Orchestra and the Farm and Home Quartet in selections from a soon-to-be-released RCA Victor Album of National Farm and Home Hour musical favorites most requested by listeners.

Farm commentator Everett Mitchell, who has been associated with the program since 1930, and who has become known all over the world for his "It's a beau-ti-ful day in Chicago!," will m.c. the program.

The "National Farm and Home Hour" has been heard continuously since its inauguration in 1928, and currently is heard over about 200 NBC radio affiliates by the largest audience in the history of farm broadcasting.

The format of the program has changed little over the years. With emphasis on service and information, the "Farm and Home Hour" presents informative on-the-spot agricultural features, farm news and market reports from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, and musical entertainment.

Among the broadcasting "firsts" credited to the program are: first NBC network program from Chicago; first farm program aired on a national network; first program to use extensive remote pickups, and first commercial program produced in cooperation with a government agency. Secretary Benson is the seventh U.S. agriculture chief to use the National Farm and Home Hour microphones.

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In its 25 years on the air, the program has broadcast eye-witness reports from hundreds of agricultural events, with regular annual visits to such major shows as the International Livestock Exposition. In recent years the program has presented short-waved and recorded farm features from abroad, many reported by Mitchell during his World tours. A regular feature on the program is a report on farm news and markets by Ken Gapen, radio chief of the USDA in Washington. Behind the scenes of the veteran farm program are Milton Bliss, NBC's agricultural representative and Herbert Lateau, production-director.

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'UNDER THE SIGN OF JUPITER,' A DRAMATIC SALUTE

TO MODERN PHARMACIST, SCHEDULED FOR NBC RADIO

Documentary to Mark 100th Convention of American

Pharmaceutical Convention in Salt Lake City

Association

A dramatic bow to the modern pharmacist, "Under the Sign of Jupiter," will be broadcast by NBC radio Wednesday, Aug. 19 (10-10:30 p.m., EDT). in salute to the 100th convention of the American Pharmaceutical Association in Salt Lake City, Utah (Aug. 16-23).

Delving only lightly into the ancient and historical roots of modern pharmacy, the program will trace the changes that have come into the profession in the last century, especially in recent decades. It will point up the important role of the pharmacist in the whole field of medical care, dramatizing actual events that have taken place in the field of pharmacy.

Wade Arnold is executive producer. The script is the work of Lou Hazam, author of "The March of Medicine" television shows sponsored by Smith, Kline and French Laboratories, Philadelphia.

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A special feature of the program will be the broadcast of portion of the dedicatory ceremonies of SKF's Early American Apothecary Shop in Mystic, Conn. This example of colonial pharmacy was formerly located in Wilmington, Del. Francis Boyer, president of SKF, will speak briefly during this portion of the program.

Speaking of the forthcoming broadcast, Dr. R.P. Fischelis, secretary and general manager of the American Pharmaceutical Association, said: "The public is well aware of the so-called 'lore of the apothecary.' What the public is not aware of is the tremendous professional and health responsibilities placed on the pharmacist today. This program will point out his important role in the entire medical care picture by dramatizing actual events that have happened in pharmacy."

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MRS. TUFTY, NBC-TV PANELIST, CIRCLING THE GLOBE

Esther Van Wagoner Tufty, publisher, writer, lecturer and NBC-TV panelist is off on another junket around the world.

Washington, D.C., servicing some 300 daily newspapers throughout the country, Mrs. Tufty has been invited to Australia as official guest of that country. She also will visit New Zealand and other areas.

Traveling by way of Europe and returning by the Pacific route, Mrs. Tufty, who covered the Republican and Democratic conventions for NBC-TV, will collect material for a series of special articles for her newspapers.

She is widely known as "the Duchess" for her work as a member of the NBC-TV panel show "Ask Washington," which is off the air for the Summer. No definite date has been set for her return to the network as a commentator.

Mrs. Tufty served as a war correspondent in Korea last year. She has traveled back and forth through Europe several times on special assignments, is a popular lecturer, and has been president of the Women's National Press Club.

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AMERICAN DAIRY SIGNS BOB HOPE FOR NBC RADIO SERIES

FRIDAY NIGHTS STARTING SEPTEMBER 25

52-Week Contract Marks Comic's 16th Year on Air

The American Dairy Association, Inc., has purchased THE BOB HOPE SHOW, it was announced today by Fred Horton, director of NBC's Radio Network Sales.

In announcing the closing of the 52-week contract, Horton said "This purchase by the American Dairy Association proves again the value of the Hope personality, of the NBC property package and NBC radio."

The new program will be used to generally promote and increase the use of all dairy products. It puts Hope's "nighttime stanzas" on the NBC radio network on Fridays from 8:30 to 9 p.m., EDT, starting Sept. 25. The advertising agency is Campbell-Mithun Inc., of Minneapolis.

Ted Cott, operating vice president of the NBC radio network said the new series will mark Hope's 16th season on the air and added "the new Bob Hope program gives NBC a strong anchor position for its new programs on Friday night."

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 Hope who is under exclusive radio and TV contract to NBC, has long reigned as one of the great comedy personalities in show-business.

The comic first broke into radio in 1932. On Sept. 27, 1938, he began his own NBC radio series, which for years has rated among the top programs in radio. He made his TV debut over NBC on Easter Sunday, 1950. A movie star with many top pictures to his credit, Hope has also starred in Broadway musicals and on the vaude-ville stage. English by birth, he is a naturalized American citizen. He calls Cleveland, O., his home town.

A master of the quick gag and fast repartee, Hope made his first professional stage appearance as half of a male dance team in a Fatty Arbuckle show in Cleveland. He and his partner, George Byrne, played in vaudeville, musical comedy road shows and on Broadway. During a theatre engagement, Hope was asked to announce the following week's show. He gagged the announcement with some funny remark of his own and the audience roared with laughter. That ended his career as a dancer.

He developed a solo song-and-comedy act, working first in vaudeville circuits and later in New York, where he hit the big time in such Broadway musicals as "Ballyhoo," "Ziegfeld Follies" and "Red, Hot and Blue," Hope is married to the former Dolores Reade. They have four adopted children.

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MONDAY-THROUGH-FRIDAY ALEX DREIER NEWS PROGRAM
TO BE SPONSORED BY INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CO.

The International Harvester Company will sponsor Alex Dreier on the NBC radio network in a five-a-week, 15 minute news commentary program starting Monday, September 7, it was announced yesterday (Aug. 10) by Fred Horton, director of NBC Radio Network Sales.

Dreier will be heard over 53 NBC stations (Network except WNBC) Monday through Friday, in the 7 p.m. time now occupied by the "Pure Oil News Parade." The current station lineup is to be expanded by International Harvester as soon as local station time clearances are available. The contract is for 52 weeks.

Dreier is an award-winning journalist who is familiar both to American newspaper readers and radio listeners. He has had wide experience covering the world's news both here and abroad.

He has built a legendary reputation for "calling his news shots," notably the turn on the fall of France, the British victory over German airpower, and the rout of Rommel in Africa. In 1948, when the majority of pollsters were confident of a Dewey victory, Dreier rightly named Truman.

The agency is Young and Rubicam. The program will be in the interest of International trucks.

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MORE THAN 70% OF NBC AFFILIATED STATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN COOPERATIVE ADVERTISING CAMPAIGNS FOR RADIO AND TV

More than 70 percent of the network's affiliates have already agreed to participate in NBC's radio and television networkstation cooperative advertising campaign for the Fall-Winter season which gets under way Aug. 27, Jacob A. Evans, NBC's director of advertising and promotion, announced today.

Of the network's 124 television stations, more than 70 percent have agreed to take part in the advertising campaign and about 75 percent of NBC's 176 radio affiliates have accepted the plan.

The TV campaign will be launched Aug. 27th with newspapers across the country carrying ads promoting "Martin Kane" and "Treasury Men in Action," both of which will be seen on NBC-TV that night.

The radio ad campaign will begin the first week in September, with "Dragnet" the first program scheduled. This marks the fourth year NBC has conducted a cooperative ad campaign for radio. Tele-vision is being included into the plan this year for the first time.

"Cooperative newspaper advertising was conceived by NBC as an integral part of the Fall-Winter promotion campaigns to assist radio and television affiliates in buying audience promotion tune-in ads for each sponsored network program," Evans explained.

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Under the cooperative advertising arrangement, NBC and each affiliate participating in the campaign share space costs of the ads on a 50-50 basis. Dramatic, individual ads of 60 lines each have been scheduled for every sponsored program seen and heard on NBC-TV and radio.

"Network sharing of station space costs will broaden the scope and increase the effectiveness of newspaper advertising in the approaching radio and television campaigns," Evans pointed out, adding that "co-op lineage guarantees individual program ads in station markets and makes possible consistent and frequent schedules running simultaneously across the country."

"As far as is known, NEC is the only network offering its stations this kind of dollars and cents advertising support," he said.

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NBC FILM DIVISION ANNOUNCES NEW SALES OF LEADING SYNDICATED TV SERIES

"Douglas Fairbanks Presents" was sold this week in six additional markets, John B. Cron, national sales manager of the NBC Film Division announced today, bringing the total markets in which it has been sold to 89. The new markets are WVEC-TV in Norfolk-Hampton, Va., KANG-TV in Waco-Temple, Texas, and to the Walter J. Klein Agency for Columbia, S.C.; Charleston, S.C., Greenville, S.C., Asheville, N.C., Greenville, N.C., and WRAY-TV in Princeton, Ind.

Other new sales this week were "Victory at Sea" to KTAG-TV in Lake Charles, La., WFPA in Pensacola, Fla., KLZ-TV in Denver, and WRAY-TV in Princeton, Ind.; "The Visitor" to WVEC-TV, Norfolk-Hampton, Va., KANG-TV in Waco-Temple, Tex., and the Ted Levy Agency for Denver; "Dangerous Assignment" to KANG-TV in Waco-Temple, Tex.; KTAG in Lake Charles, La.; WFPA in Pensacola, Fla.; WCAN-TV in Milwaukee, Wisc., and WRAY-TV in Princeton, Ind.

"Captured," formerly entitled "Gangbusters," was sold this week to WVEC-TV in Norfolk-Hampton, Va.; KTAG-TV in Lake Charles, La., WFPA in Pensacola, Fla; KLZ-TV in Denver, Colo., KCSJ-TV in Pueblo, Colo., KRDO-TV in Colorado Springs, Colo.; WWJ-TV in Detroit, Mich., and KGBS-TV in Harlingen, Tex. "Badge 714" ("Dragnet" episodes formerly titled "The Cop"), was sold to KTAG-TV in Lake Charles, WFPA in Pensacola KGNC-TV in Amarillo, Tex., KERO-TV in Bakersfield, Calif, and to Foote, Cone & Belding for Hoffman Radio in Salinas-Monterey, Calif.

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The one-hour "Hopalong Cassidy" was sold to KANG-TV in Waco-Temple, KTAG-TV in Lake Charles, WFPA in Pensacola, and WRAY-TV in Princeton, Ind. "Daily News" was sold to KRON-TV in San Francisco; "Watch the World" to KING-TV in Seattle, Wash.; "Life of Riley" to WOSH-TV in Oshkosh, Wisc., and KSTP-TV in St. Paul, Minn.; "Weekly News Report" to WVEC-TV in Norfolk-Hampton, KDYL-TV in Salt Lake City, WRAY-TV in Princeton, Ind., and the H. Richard Sellers Agency for Portland, Ore.

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FILM DIVISION

'BADGE 714' IS NEW TITLE OF SYNDICATED EPISODES
OF 'DRAGNET' SERIES; PREVIOUS TITLE WAS 'THE COP'

The title "The Cop," under which NBC's top-rated network television series "Dragnet" is currently being syndicated by the NBC Film Division for a Fall start, has been changed to BADGE 714.

In explaining the change in title, Robert W. Sarnoff, vice president in charge of the Film Division, said: "Certain law enforcement agencies have expressed general concern over the publicized use of the word 'cop' in referring to law enforcement officers. They feel that the word is lacking in dignity and in effect is derogatory.

"Although the series has already been sold as 'The Cop' in more than 26 major markets in the space of a few weeks, the NBC Film Division has agreed to the request for the change in title in deference to this expressed belief that the title 'The Cop' might adversely affect the service which the 'Dragnet' series has performed on the network in bringing to public attention the vital role of the police officer in the community and his position of respect.

'Badge 714' is the number of the shield worn by the leading character, Sgt. Joe Friday, played by Jack Webb in the series."

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August 11, 1953

FORD FOUNDATION'S TV WORKSHOP SERIES FOR CHILDREN (8 TO 16)
WILL START ON NBC SUNDAY, SEPT. 13, WITH NOVEL FEATURES

Series (Under Working Title of 'Excursion') Will Touch on Many Entertainment and Cultural Fields for Program Material

The half-hour program under the working title of EXCURSION being prepared for young people by the Ford Foundation's TV-Radio Workshop, will make its debut on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>Sept. 13</u>, at 3:30 p.m., (EDT) over the full NBC television network. It will be available to two advertisers.

This program, intended primarily for children from 8 to 16 years of age, will try to give its audience a provocative look at its past, present and future by employing the talents of many acknowledged experts in various fields within a framework of entertainment. Sports science, theatre, career-building, literature and history are some of the fields the program plans to present to its viewers.

For example, to dramatize the spirit of competition which is operative in courtship as well as in tennis or in looking for a job, "Excursion" will invite three of the world's fastest runners to attempt - on actual program time - to run a mile in four minutes, the so-called "dream mile," and Burgess Meredith, the program's master of

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ceremonies, will join with a famous comedian to present a dramatization of scenes from Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." Original stories by John Steinbeck and other top authors will be a regular feature of the program.

Two musical comedies especially commissioned for "Excursion" are being prepared -- one by the team of Alan J. Lerner and Arthur Schwartz, the second by Alec Wilder. Leading statesmen will appear in a series of features on our form of government. There will also be an extended survey of life on our planet, beginning with its origin and carrying it to the atomic age - the present era in which our children are to mature.

To resolve the question of "does a 'curve-ball' really curve?" - the series will present Sal Maglie who will demonstrate that debated tendency of the pitched ball. Viewers of "Excursion" will have an opportunity to visit with the noted author, Louis Bromfield, who will discuss farming as a career. They will also witness dramatizations of our Revolutionary and pre-Revolutionary history. A newsreel especially edited for children will be a feature of the program. The relationship between parent and child will be demonstrated from time to time via the drawings of Charles Addams.

"Excursion" will be produced by Jerry Stagg under the supervision of Robert Saudek, director of the TV-Radio Workshop. Dan Petrie, who directed several prominent series, has been named director of the program.

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NBC TRADE NEWS

DRESSER NAMED TV NATIONAL SPOT SALES MANAGER FOR NBC'S CENTRAL DIVISION

Charles V. Dresser, NBC Central Division national television spot sales manager, has been promoted to the newly created position of director of sales for Stations WNBQ and WMAQ, Chicago, Harry C. Kopf, NBC vice president and general manager of the stations, has announced.

Dresser, whose appointment is effective Aug. 15, will report directly to Kopf and will have overall supervision of the sales activities of the NBC Chicago television and radio stations. His successor as manager of the Chicago TV Spot Sales Department will be announced later.

John McPartlin, WNBQ sales manager, and Rudi Neubauer, WMAQ sales manager, will report to Dresser.

The new director of sales came to Chicago in March, 1953, to head up the Central Division TV spot sales operation after several years as an account executive in NBC-TV national spot sales in New York.

Prior to joining NBC, Dresser was an account executive with Dowd, Redfield and Johnstone, Inc., and was a radio and TV sales representative with Free and Peters for four years. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

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SUMMER THEATRES UTILIZING MEMBERS OF NBC DRAMATIC WORKSHOP; SOME TALENTED EMPLOYES SWITCH OVER TO PROGRAM CAREERS

The NBC Dramatic Workshop, recently reactivated after a lapse, already has proved its value to several NBC employes with professional acting aspirations. Several of them are on leave of absence for appearances at Summer theaters. Thus while having the security of a regular job to return to, fledgling actors may test their talents and, if they cannot make a go of acting, still have an opportunity to make their careers in some other capacities at NBC.

Marvin Goldstein and Philip Kalfus then of the guest relations staff, organized the group as an experimental organization to develop potential creative personnel in every phase of radio, video and theater work. Goldstein now has been promoted to a position in the production department and Kalfus has become a freelance writer and has sold a script to "The Armstrong Circle Theater."

Officers of the group are Anne Lawder, president;

Jacqueline Bloch, secretary, and Hal Goldberg, member-at-large.

They hold office for three months, then others are elected. They meet twice weekly, one session for business, the other for play-reading.

The first two productions comprised three one-act plays, "Hallo Out There" by Saroyan, "The Fascinating Family" by Shaw and

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"Another Way Out" by Lawrence Languer. Producer Hudson Faussett attended a performance, then addressed the group the following week.

The officers serve as a committee for selection of the next production. They plan another evening of three-one act plays and later, a musical with original material.

Members of the club who have gotten Summer jobs as a result of their activities in the plays already produced by the group include Miss Lawder, who is acting in the Oregon Shakespearian Festival in Medford, Ore; Ethel Koreman, who is acting at the Barter Theater in Abingdon, Va.; Peter Mitchell and Joan Bartlett, both of whom are acting at the Misswa (Minn.) Summer Theater. Robert Williams and Rosamond Fowler, both readers in the script division, have collaborated in writing a script for "Life in New York." David Hendry, a former guide on the Guest Relations staff, and an aspiring singer has been given a job position in the music library.

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August 12, 1953

ZAER PROMOTED TO CONTROLLER FOR NBC RADIO NETWORK DIVISION;
MARION STEPHENSON IS ASSISTANT TO DIVISIONAL CONTROLLER

Theodore Zaer, controller for WNBC and WNBT, NBC's flagship stations in New York, has been appointed divisional controller of the company's Radio Network Division, Joseph V. Heffernan, NBC's financial vice president, announced today.

At the same time Heffernan announced that Miss Marion Stephenson, chief budget assistant in the NBC Controllers Department, has been appointed assistant to the divisional controller for the Radio Network Division.

Zaer brings to his new post many years experience in various phases of the financial operation of the company, which he first joined in 1930. He began his career as a page, later working in the traffic and program departments and in 1933 became a member of the financial department.

He has served with NBC all these years except for a period during 1942 and 1943 when he helped set up the financial organization of the Blue Network (now ABC) when it separated from NBC to become an individually owned-and-operated network. Zaer returned to NBC in

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September, 1943 as a special accountant in the Controller's Department. He was appointed controller of WNBC and WNBT in January, 1951.

Zaer holds a B.C.S. degree from the New York University School of Commerce. A native New Yorker, he currently lives with his wife and three children in Parkchester, N.Y.

Miss Stephenson has been with NBC nine years. She was employed in the Controller's Department of Esso Standard Oil Company before joining NBC as budget manager in the network's advertising and promotion department. In 1950, she moved into the radio controller's department where she later was promoted to budget supervisor for the radio network. She was appointed chief budget assistant in the NBC Controller's Department in August, 1952.

She holds a B.A. degree from Antioch College and a Masters Degree from the New York University Graduate School of Business.

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YODER PROMOTED TO GENERAL MANAGER OF NBC CLEVELAND STATIONS; GREAVES NAMED GENERAL MANAGER OF KNBC, SAN FRANCISCO

Lloyd E. Yoder, general manager of KNBC, San Francisco, has been promoted to the post of general manager of WTAM, WTAM-FM and WNBK, Cleveland, and George Greaves, assistant general manager of KNBC has been promoted to general manager of the NBC San Francisco radio station. //

Announcement of the appointments was made in New York today by Charles R. Denny, vice president in charge of NBC's Owned and Operated Stations Division.

With his new duties, Yoder takes on the added responsibility of managing an NBC television station as well as a radio station.

Yoder replaces Hamilton Shea who recently was promoted to general manager of WNBC, WNBC-FM and WNBT, New York.

Yoder and Greaves are both career men with NBC. Each joined the company more than 25 years ago.

Yoder joined NBC in 1927 as manager of the Western Division Press Department. In 1937 he was appointed general manager of KNBC (then KPO and KGO). In 1939, he was transferred to Denver as general manager of KOA, then an NBC Owned and Operated Station. Yoder returned to KNBC as general manager in 1951. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy with the rank of lieutenant commander.

Yoder is prominent in San Francisco civic affairs and is vice president and a member of the board of directors of the California Station Broadcasters' Association.

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He was born in Salem, Ohio, in 1903. He attended Mount Union College and was graduated from the Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1927, where he was captain of the 1926 football team. He was the college's first All-American. He also attended the San Francisco Law School.

Greaves joined the engineering department of KNBC on May 7, 1928. In February, 1942, he was made chief engineer of the station, and on Aug. 1, 1945, assistant general manager.

Greaves is active in San Francisco community affairs. He is a member of the Bohemian Club, the Press and Union League Club, the Toastmasters' International, and the San Carlos-Belmont Club.

The appointments of Yoder and Greaves are effective immediately.

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TRADE NEWS

August 13, 1953

EIGHT YEARS OF NBC NEWS FILM OPERATIONS POINT UP SCOOPS

AND PUBLIC SERVICE IN EXPERT HANDLING OF ASSIGNMENTS

Aug. 23 Anniversary Program, 'Assignment: Tomorrow' Will

Reflect Topflight Achievements of World-Wide Staff

Well over 200 reporter-cameramen, scattered throughout the world in key news spots, using jet planes, camel back, fast motor boats, helicopters, even barefoot native runners, and other fantastic means of transportation, are at work 24 hours a day gathering spot news on film for the millions of viewers who watch NBC-TV News Film.

These cameramen cover their news beats, whether the location be in French Equatorial Africa or some Bavarian Alpine retreat, with the same devotion to duty-and-deadline that characterizes newspaper reporters who use the printed word as their principal medium. Their job is to get the story -- and they get it, though very often at risk of life and limb.

It is this quality, backed by that best of all teachers, experience, which has given NBC News Film for TV its standing of

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preeminence in the field. It is also the ingredient which has made practitioners of the trade -- a fairly new one in modern journalism -- fanatic believers in the importance of their mission.

Many of these reporter-cameramen have been plying their craft ever since August, 1945, when NBC-TV News Film got started -- as pioneer in the field of instantaneous journalism.

Organized as "Tele Newsreel" on Aug. 5, 1945, and renamed the "NBC Television Newsreel" on Sept. 2, 1945, the NBC News Film organization has designated Sunday, Aug. 23, as its official birthday and will mark the occasion with a one-hour documentary program reviewing the eight years of news since the end of World War II -- as covered by NBC News Film.

The program entitled ASSIGNMENT: TOMORROW, will be broad-cast over NBC television on Sunday, Aug. 23 (7-8 p.m., EDT) and the sequence will be devoted to scenes of NBC News Film cameramen, editors, technicians and officials at work.

For "Assignment: Tomorrow," NBC's Jim Fleming devised a new reporting technique for television. Compiler and narrator of the documentary albums, "Mr. President" and "Adlai Stevenson Speaks," Fleming has arranged for a number of famous persons who made news during the past historic eight years, to narrate the events in which they played a vital part.

Voices will be heard which have long been familiar to TV audiences: Harry Truman; Lucius Clay; Trygve Lie; Adlai Stevenson; Dwight Eisenhower; Chiang Kai Shek, and many others.

In some cases special recordings have been made for "Assignment: Tomorrow," in others, speeches now recorded on tape will be used in part.

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The eight-year lead over other networks in establishing a corps of cameramen-reporters all over the world, is reflected in the quality of NBC news-on-film.

A hint as to the future of TV news coverage was given in June when NBC telecast still photographs of Coronation activities within three to five minutes after they took place. It is not now uncommon to process and edit film, as was done in the Coronation coverage, inside the very aircraft which transports NBC-TV film to New York, drastically cutting down on production time. In addition, NBC has a 16-mm device for developing film within 10 minutes after being shot.

More than 100 cameramen daily send a steady stream of footage -- to the tune of 50,000 feet or more every week -- back to the NBC-TV Film Library. Over 15,000,000 feet of film are stored in 22 vaults, the reels being classified into 2,200 main subjects and sub-classified into no less than 14,750 individual topics.

A visit during the past few months at various NBC news bureaus at home and abroad impressed William R. McAndrew, manager of NBC News and Special Events, with the completeness of the network's coverage. McAndrew was to return on Monday, Aug. 17, from abroad.

"It is no wonder," he says, "that year in and year out, story by story, NBC News Films are first and foremost. They have the fastest coverage, are by far the most thorough, have the greatest 'depth,' and easily outstrip any other network's coverage."

A team of more than 200 newsmen, reporters, foreign correspondents, analysts, cover the World for NBC. In addition, the network has supplementary arrangements with the BBC, Pathe Journal in France,

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Kinocentralen in Scandinavian countries, Cine Journal Swisse, Polygon in Holland, Belgavox in Belgium and RAI, the Italian TV and radio net. The domestic coverage of 115 cameramen includes staff men in New York, Washington, Cleveland, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Dallas. In addition, there are free-lance correspondents and specially-assigned representatives.

The fruits of their combined work are apparent in the enormous popularity of regularly-scheduled programs such as "Camel News Caraven"; "Today," "NBC Daily News Report," "Weekly NBC News Review," plus various special shows, all of which reflect the lead NBC has won in the news film field. "Camel News Caravan," for example, is seen and heard on 66 stations by an estimated 12,200,000 persons. Frank Blair and Dave Garroway on the early morning "Today" program, seen on 45 stations, reaches at least 5,000,000 people daily.

How these enterprising and courageous reporters go after their story and then get it back to its final destination, is a saga in enterprise and resourcefulness.

Recently, the film coverage of a mountain-climbing expedition in Pakistan almost was lost when native runners bearing their precious cargo to the nearest airport slipped on a rope bridge and dropped several reels into the rushing stream below. Fortunately, there were no human casualties.

During the floods in Louisiana last May, NBC cameraman Maurice Levy stuck to his post so long that he had to be rescued by helicopter. His news film of the disaster has taken its place as a classic in journalism.

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In 1949, Senator Tom Connolly announced at 7 p.m., (Eastern Time) one evening that the first appropriation for Western Europe, had just been passed to implement the North Atlantic Treaty. Brad Kress of the Washington staff shot the statement and handed the film to NBC's motorcycle courier in Washington, Jim Curtis. Jim ran for his motorcycle and headed for the lab, three miles away. The film was processed and handed to Jim again. This time he took it to the studios, five miles from the lab. The film was on "Camel News Caravan that same night -- 50 minutes after it had been shot. Such feats, seemingly incredible at the time, have become standard practice at NBC.

Perhaps the greatest job ever done in television was the coverage given the political party conventions last June when NBC was on the air, radio and TV, with 250 hours, 31 minutes of reporting. Twenty-nine TV cameras, strategically spotted 13 different points in Chicago and Washington, were available to NBC to report the nomination of Adlai Stevenson. NBC used for the first time its super-mobile unit -- "a TV studio on wheels" -- plus a host of other devices such as the now famous "walkie-lookie" camera for close-up views of the delegates on the convention floor during the balloting, and a cash-register tallying device for instantaneous reporting of the vote.

One of the most spectacular examples of story-book journalism which helped to make NBC first in the field occurred in the Chicago office of NBC last Spring. Bill Birch, chief of the Chicago bureau, had covered two train wrecks and a fire, and both he and his photographers were weary.

Word reached the bureau at 5 a.m. that Fred McManus, the young Marine who killed five persons, had confessed in a Dubuque, Iowa, (more)

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jail. With sound man John Dial and reporter Jack Angell, he was in the NBC plane, bucking bad weather, enroute to Dubuque.

Arriving some time during the morning, they got to the prison and through iron bars, obtained an exclusive interview with the murderer. By two o'clock that same afternoon, they were back in Chicago, but in landing, they knocked a flap from their plane, almost losing their lives in the process. At 7:47 p.m., (Eastern Time) their film was on "Camel News Caravan," and by 8:05 p.m., when the congratulatory telephone calls and wires began to pour in from all over the U.S., the boys knew that they had scored a world beat.

The Central News Room in New York is staffed with seasoned and skillful editors who have spent many years in the business of dealing with news, supplemented with rich experience in the radio industry.

Sy Aonet, born in Kingston, N.Y. in 1909, was the first NBC-TV news cameraman, having joined the staff when he was discharged from the Army Signal Corps in 1945.

Heading the young and resourceful staff in the Public Affairs
Department of the network are Davidson Taylor and Bill McAndrew, both
old timers in the trade, both gifted with boldness and imagination in
handling public affairs, special events and TV news.

Taylor, known as "Dave" to his staff, has had 24 years of top-level experience in radio and television as production executive. He feels strongly that the system of TV news coverage as perfected by NBC represents an important contribution in the field of public service. It has helped bring understanding of the great complex issues of our time to great masses of the people.

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William R. McAndrew, who directs the combined radio-TV news operations, brought to his present post with NBC many years of experience as a newspaper man, and has been with the network since 1936.

There is Joe Meyers, lean newsman with a Phi Beta Kappa key and split-second judgment, managing NBC's Central News Desk. There is Bill Garden, recently released from the army as a major to return to the NBC Newsroom as manager of special projects.

Len Allen, TV assignment editor is a seasoned newsman who, working from studios, directs the diversified operations of cameramen-reporters in the far-flung corners of the globe where NBC-TV news functions.

It is up to Len to keep this staff working on a smooth keel, seeing to it that the right emphasis is placed upon the right story, building background footage for possible use in emergency news coverage, satisfying the insatiable demand for more and still more TV feature material and documentaries.

There are many others in posts of no less responsibility who produce, arrange and direct the various news shows which are seen and heard by millions on NBC radio and TV, and which make fullest possible use of TV film coming in from all over the world: Chet Hagan, producer-director of "News of the World"; Frank McCall, Ralph Peterson, and Reuven Frank, of "Camel News Caravan"; Jack Gerber and John Wingate, "Esso Reporter"; and Buck Prince, Jerry Green, Paul Cunningham and Joe Michaels, newsmen responsible for news context on "Today," NBC's popular morning presentation, and Jim Fleming and Art Holch, who are busy preparing "Assignment: Tomorrow."

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A great many other able people collaborate in the preparation of news for NBC radio and TV programs -- the commentators and analysts among the finest in the business; the film men themselves and the many correspondents at their overseas posts; the technicians, the operators, the secretaries and stenographers -- too many to mention.

All take part in the great and unprecedented job of instantaneous journalism.

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'Judge for Yourself' Makes Debut Tuesday, Aug. 18

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panel of three showbusiness experts who will compete against a panel of three average persons selected from among the studio audience to rate the talent's performances on the premiere presentation of the new NBC-TV JUDGE FOR YOURSELF program Tuesday, Aug. 18 (10 p.m., EDT).

The first panel of experts will consist of George Rosen, radio-TV editor of the "showbusiness bible," Variety, Cheryl Crawford, producer of such Broadway hits as "Brigadoon," "Regina" and "Paint Your Wagon," and Julie Styne, producer-composer connected with many Broadway musicals including "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," "High Button Shoes" and "Pal Joey."

Talent for the first show will include Broadway musical vocalist Hope Zee, who has appeared in "Guys and Dolls" and "Top Banana," The Polka Dots, recording duo who invented the electronic

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harmonica which they have played in theatres across the country and on numerous radio and television shows, and Gina and Gerardo, international dance team which has performed in the leading clubs of this country, Canada and London.

The format of "Judge For Yourself" will give Allen time to conduct interviews with the members of the amateur panel and will also offer the average person a chance to express his views as a critic.

The talent presented will not compete against each other but will be used for their entertainment value and for the medium to be judged by the two panels. The professional panel, against which the studio contestants will compete in rating the talent, will be composed of persons connected with showbusiness and who are expert in judging talent.

A cash prize of \$1,000 will be awarded to the amateur panelist who rates the performances in the same 1-2-3 order as the professional talent. The prize will be divided if more than one amateur agrees with the experts.

"Judge For Yourself" will be sponsored by P. Lorillard Co. for Old Gold cigarettes. The agency is Lennen and Newell, Inc.

The series will originate at NBC's studios in New York and will be produced by Mark Goodson and Bill Todman. Jerry Schnur will direct and Arnold Peyser will be associate producer with music by Milton DeLugg.

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CREDITS FOR 'JUDGE FOR YOURSELF' ON NBC-TV

PROGRAM:

JUDGE FOR YOURSELF

STARTING DATE:

Aug. 18, 1953

TIME:

NBC-TV, Tuesday, 10 p.m., EDT

FORMAT:

A panel of three persons connected with showbusiness competes against a panel of three members selected from among the studio audience in rating the talent of three professional acts. \$1,000 cash is awarded to the amateur panelist who rates the performances in the same 1-2-3 order as the professional panel. The prize is divided if more than one amateur agrees with the experts. Between the acts, Fred Allen interviews the three average people who feel they are qualified to judge talent.

STAR:

Fred Allen

PROFESSIONAL PANEL:

Will change every week. Guests on Aug. 18 premiere show will be George Rosen, radio and TV editor of Variety; Cheryl Crawford, Broadway producer, and Julie Styne, producercomposer.

TALENT:

Best available acts will be presented each week. Premiere show guests are Broadway musical vocalist Hope Zee; The Polka Dots, electronic harmonica duo, and Gina and Gerardo, dance team.

PRODUCER:

Mark Goodson and Bill Todman

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER:

Arnold Peyser

DIRECTOR:

Jerry Schnur

MUSIC DIRECTOR:

Milton DeLugg

SPONSOR:

P. Lorillard Co., for Old Gold cig-

arettes.

AGENCY:

Lennen and Newell, Inc.

ORIGINATION:

New York.

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TELECHRON DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL ELECTRIC SIGNS FOR 7-WEEK CAMPAIGN OF NBC 'TODAY'

Telechron Department of General Electric has signed for a seven-week advertising campaign on NBC-TV's TODAY program to be supplemented by an extensive merchandising and promotion drive to sell its Telechron electric clocks.

Beginning Nov. 3, the firm will sponsor announcements three days a week on the early-morning news and features program starring Dave Garroway. This will mark Telechron's first purchase into a network TV show.

Announcements of the "Today" campaign were made by the firm in a telephone conference with members of its field organization, in which Garroway participated, and by letters from Garroway to field men and distributors in all areas covered by the program.

The latest issue of the firm's house organ, Telechron

Times, carries a two-page insert on the forthcoming "Today" campaign

telling the full story to distributors' salesmen. A selling piece on

dealer merchandising was also included in the mailing.

This will be followed up the last week in October by a direct mailing to 100,000 dealers with a kit containing a colorful

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Field merchandising men from NBC will work with the Telechron district managers in all of the 45 TV markets covered by the program.

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GORDON JOINS NBC OWNED-AND-OPERATED STATIONS DIVISION

Nicholas Gordon has joined NBC's Owned and Operated Stations Division as a rate and price analyst in the controller's department of the division.

Gordon comes to NBC from the Keystone Broadcasting

System where he was Director of Research and Sales Planning.

Previously, he was Senior Radio and TV Analyst for the

William H. Weintraub Agency in New York, and was a consultant

for research and sales planning for the Liberty Broadcasting

System. Before joining the Weintraub Agency, Gordon was

assistant to the production manager of Advertising Age.

Gordon graduated from the University of Chicago in the class of 1946. He is married, has a daughter, Catherine, age 22 months, and lives in Riverdale, N.Y.,

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18 MILLION DOLLARS OF NEW AND RENEWAL BUSINESS PLACED WITH NBC RADIO NETWORK IN LAST 60 DAYS

A total of 18 million dollars in new and renewal business in the last 60 days was reported today by William H. Fineshriber, Jr., vice president in charge of the NBC Radio Network. This is the first business report of the network since its recent separation from TV.

Two million dollars of this total has been realized in new orders within the past two weeks, or since the new radio operation was set up under Fineshriber with Ted Cott as operating vice president.

"This 18 million dollars' worth of business," Mr. Fine-shriber said, "is strong evidence of the advertisers' confidence in the radio network as an advertising medium. It is also indicative of a trend on the part of clients to look toward NBC for a better return on their dollar investment.

"We have and will continue to develop new merchandising and promotion concepts to assist and insure the clients' maximum audience. We plan to re-program the network and to get away from tradition-bound formulas. Radio will be used for what it can rightfully do -- reach the greatest mass audience in the country today where it provides a service to the client at a rate that cannot be matched by any other form of advertising."

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 In new business, 52 week contracts were signed by the International Harvester Company through Young & Rubicam and the American Dairy Association, Inc., through Campbell-Mithun. The Florida Citrus Commission contracted for 26 weeks through the J. Walter Thompson Company, and the Coleman Company, first NBC Radio Fall Tandem plan client, signed through N.W. Ayer.

In renewal business during the 60-day period, the Procter & Gamble Company stood at the top of the list with renewals for six programs, each running 52 weeks. The agencies were the Biow Company Inc., Benton & Bowles Inc., Compton Advertising, Inc., Dancer-Fitz-gerald-Sample, Inc., and Young and Rubicam.

Other 52 week renewals came from the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company through Sweeney & James Company; Skelly Oil Company through Henri, Hurst & McDonald, Inc.; Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Company through Bert S. Gittins Advertising; De Soto Motor Corporation through Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborne; Sterling Drug, Inc., through Dancer-Fitzgerald-Sample; Radio Corporation of America through the J. Walter Thompson Company; and the Serutan Company through Brown Brothers Advertising. The Association of American Railroads renewed for 52 weeks through Benton & Bowles.

Thirty-nine week contracts were signed by American Cigarette & Cigar Company through Sullivan, Stauffer, Colwell & Bayles; General Foods through Benton & Bowles and Kraft Foods Company through Needham, Louis & Brorby, Inc.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company renewed for 44 weeks through Cunningham & Walsh while the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. renewed "Grand Ole Opry" for 52 weeks and "Walk a Mile" for 39 weeks, both through the William Esty Company.

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NBC-TV network Saturday, Aug. 29 (7:30-8:00 p.m., EDT) after a Summer hiatus of eight weeks.

The series, under sponsorship of the Sunbeam Corporation, will originate in New York.

One of last season's latest starters, premiering on April 25, the series with Peg Lynch and Alan Bunce in the title roles, became one of TV's instantaneous successes.

The situation comedy of a typical American couple had kindled a warm spot in the hearts of families all over the U.S. since its debut as a radio series in 1944. Its transition to television found an even warmer reception.

The favorable reaction on the part of televiewers was shared by critics who made known their feelings in terms that were little short of rhapsodic.

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One reviewer wrote that after seeing Ethel and her bumbling spouse through one of their new series, he'd let other TV couples "go jump."

Another added his voice to the chorus with: "Of all TV situation comedies one is amusing by virtue of its realism -- 'Ethel and Albert'."

The key to the comedy's appeal was spotlighted in another review that said: "the charm of Ethel and Albert lies in the fact that Peg Lynch and Alan Bunce resemble the neighbors next door and their minor contretemps are straight out of the pages of everyday life."

As in the beginning, the program, now in its ninth year as a network show, is still the creation of Peg Lynch, who not only writes it but also plays Ethel.

Peg nurtured "Ethel and Albert" from a three-minute skit created on her first job at radio station KATE in Albert Lea, Minn., into the popular half-hour TV program that is available across the nation. She has always kept it believable, basing her plots on simple, humorous domestic situations.

The first Albert in New York was Richard Widmark, He held the job for six months before the movies got him. Then Alan Bunce took over. He has been playing it ever since.

The advertising agency for the Sunbeam Corporation is Perrin-Paus Co., Chicago.

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CREDITS FOR 'ETHEL AND ALBERT'

PROGRAM TITLE:

"Ethel and Albert"

RETURNING DATE:

Saturday, August 29, NBC-TV, 7:30-8 p.m., EDT

FORMAT:

Situation comedy involving a happily-married couple and their domestic life.

WRITER:

Peg Lynch

STARS:

Peg Lynch and Alan Bunce

PRODUCER:

Thomas Loeb

DIRECTOR:

Walter Hart

SPONSOR:

The Sunbeam Corporation.

AGENCY:

Perrin-Paus Co., Chicago.

ORIGINATION:

"Live" from NBC's studios

in New York

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'MR. MOSBY, DECENT CITIZEN,' STARRING WILLIAM DEMAREST,
HAS ON-THE-AIR AUDITION ON NBC-TV WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19

The National Broadcasting Company on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>Aug. 19</u> (8:30-9 p.m., EDT) will present an on-the-air audition of MR. MOSBY, DECENT CITIZEN starring William Demarest, a program which is under consideration for future regular presentation on the network.

The original creation for television by Robert Riley Crutcher, "H.J. Mosby, Decent Citizen" relates the trials and tribulations of a rugged individualist who never does things the conventional way. Demarest, as Mr. Mosby, is thus in continual conflict with officials, business associates, neighbors, his teen-age daughters, and his daughter's boyfriends.

The completion of the pilot film marks the entrance of Demarest in TV after a 35-year career in showbusiness which has seen him perform in vaudeville, theatre, radio and films, and which has built a loyal following for the "Crabby-but-loveable" characters he has portrayed. The film represents the initial production effort of Robert Welch since his recent signing by NBC to develop new TV programs.

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Stephanie Griffin and Sheila James have been cast in supporting roles, with Miss Griffin playing Mosby's 17-year-old daughter Marilyn and Sheila James playing 13-year-old Vicky.

The pilot film was directed by James V. Kern, veteran Hollywood motion picture director.

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KUKLA, FRAN AND OLLIE--VACATIONIZED AND RARIN' TO GO--RETURN TO NBC-TV SEPT. 13 WITH ALL THE KUKLAPOLITANS

Burr Tillstrom, together with Fran Allison, Kukla, Ollie and all the Kuklapolitan Players will return to the air with their popular program, KUKLA, FRAN AND OLLIE on Sept. 13 to begin their sixth consecutive season on the NBC-TV network.

Tillstrom accompanied by Kukla and Ollie, who will be seen in the same time spot as they were last year (Sundays, 4-4:30 p.m., EDT), will return shortly from a six weeks' vacation trip in Europe. Fran, who joined them on the first three weeks of their trip, returned earlier this month to her home in Chicago.

Interviewed by the New York Herald Tribune correspondent Art Buchwald in Paris, Oliver J. Dragon said however, that he was finding things quite expensive in France. "They're not going to get many serpents to come to Paris at these prices," he predicted and went on to say that although he enjoyed French food he did miss some American dishes, commenting that he'd "give anything for a hamburger or a dozen dragon flies on toast."

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Also returning to the air with "Kukla, Fran and Ollie" on Sept. 13 to tell us all about their widespread vacations will be other members of the Kuklapolitan family including Buelah Witch, Fletcher Rabbit, Madame Ooglepuss, Colonel Crackey, Mercedes, Cecil Bill, Dolores Dragon, and Mrs. Olivia Dragon (who visits periodically from her home in Dragon Retreat, Vermont).

Backstage Kuklapolitans returning to their chores with the program will be producer Beulah Zachary, director Lewis Gomavitz, musical director Jack Fascinato and costume designer Joe Lockwood.

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CREDITS FOR 'KUKLA FRAN AND OLLIE'

KUKLA, FRAN AND OLLIE TITLE:

NBC-TV, Sundays, 4-4:30 p.m., TIME:

ORIGINATION: Chicago

RETURNING DATE: Sept. 13, 1953

Burr Tillstrom with Kukla, Ollie STARS:

and Fran Allison

Buelah Witch, Fletcher Rabbit, CAST:

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Madame Ooglepuss, Colonel

Crackey, Mercedes, Dolores Dragon, Olivia Dragon and Cecil Bill.

Beulah Zachary PRODUCER:

Lewis Gomavitz DIRECTOR:

Jack Fascinato MUSIC DIRECTOR:

COSTUME DESIGNER: Joe Lockwood.

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Oct. 13, 1947 STARTING DATE:

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WVEC-TV STARTS TEST PATTERN IN NORFOLK AREA; FULL NBC COMMERCIAL SCHEDULE STARTS SEPT. 19

WVEC-TV, the Norfolk-Tidewater (Va.) area's first UHF station began test pattern operations last Saturday, Aug. 15.

The station, which is affiliated with NBC, will begin carrying the network's full commercial program line-up exclusively in the Tidewater area on Saturday, Sept. 19.

Following the successful transmission of a test pattern on Saturday, Thomas P. Chisman, president and general manager of WVEC-TV, announced that the station will beam its test pattern 12 hours daily, from 9 a.m., to 9 p.m., EDT, until the start of regular program operations on Sept. 19.

The station is operating with a 12-kilowatt transmitter from atop a 500-foot antenna tower. The antenna, a five-bay helical with a power gain of 25, is radiating 200,000 watts video power, making it one of the most powerful UHF stations in existence.

The transmitter, studio and offices of WVEC-TV are located in Hampton, Va., 12 miles from the center of Norfolk. Construction is nearly completed on a new air-conditioned building which will house the station's studio and offices.

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MEL ALLEN AND RUSS HODGES
ON NEW NBC SPORTS SHOW

Mel Allen and Russ Hodges, two of the nation's outstanding sportscasters, launched a Monday-through-Friday 15-minute sports program over the NBC radio network (Monday, Aug. 17).

The program, MEL ALLEN AND RUSS HODGES' SPORTS DAILY, is heard at 6:15 p.m., EDT.

The sports series, which is being offered to NBC stations for local sale on a co-op basis, has already been sold in 36 markets, including WNBC, New York, for Howard Clothes, according to Lud Simmel, manager for Co-op Sales for NBC.

Allen and Hodges have a one-year contract with NBC covering the new program which will be devoted to late sports news, scores, features and reviews of major sporting events and happenings.

The two sportscasters will alternate in doing the programs, depending on which man is available to originate the program each day. Allen is the chief announcer of the radio and TV broadcasts of the New York Yankees' baseball games. Hodges handles the same chore for the New York Giants baseball team.

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12 TOP COLLEGE GRID GAMES ON NBC RADIO IN FALL

A full schedule of 12 top collegiate football games will be broadcast over the NBC radio network this Fall beginning <u>Saturday</u>, <u>Sept. 19</u> with the airing of the Missouri-Maryland contest.

Curt Gowdy, sports announcer for the Boston Red Sox baseball games, will do the play-by-play of NBC radio's College Football Game of the Week.

The football broadcasts are being offered for co-operative sponsorship, Lud Simmel, NBC's manager of Co-op Sales, announced. To date, the gridiron broadcasts have been sold on eight stations.

In order to insure broadcasts of the best game of the week, Simmel reported that NBC will wait until five days before each Saturday's schedule of nationwide football contests, to choose that game which looms as the best of the day.

This plan will be put into effect after the second football broadcast featuring the Notre Dame-Maryland game on Sept. 26. The remaining ten games will then be chosen the Monday before the Saturday broadcast.

The Pacific Coast stations of NBC will carry the radio network's football broadcasts for the first time this season, making it a nationwide hookup.

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GENE RAYMOND IS PROGRAM HOST OF 'FIRESIDE THEATRE'
RESUMING ON NBC SEPT. 1; HE'LL ACT IN SERIES, TOO

With stage and screen star Gene Raymond as host, FIRESIDE THEATRE returns to NBC-TV on <u>Tues-day evening</u>, <u>Sept. 1</u>, after an eight-week Summer vacation.

In addition to introducing each half-hour show, Raymond also will star in several productions. He has had extensive experience in television and radio as well as on stage and screen.

One of the top-rated TV drama series,

"Fireside Theatre" is filmed in Hollywood especially for television, with Frank Wisbar as

producer-director. The show is heard every Tues-day evening at 9 p.m., New York time.

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NIELSEN INDEX REVEALS THAT 13 OUT OF 25 TOP-RATED TV SHOWS ARE ON NBC NETWORK

NBC-TV has more of the top-rated programs on the air than any other network, according to the latest Nielsen Television Index pocketpiece.

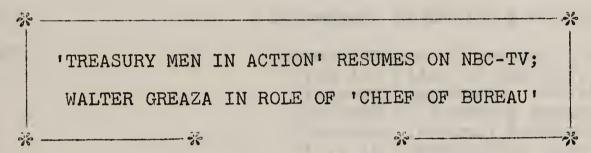
Thirteen of the top 25 programs are seen on NBC-TV, it is reported in the Nielsen survey for the two weeks ending July 25th. And of the top 15 programs, eight are NBC-TV shows.

The popularity of the NBC-TV program line-up has been achieved with many of the network's traditionally high-rated programs off the air for the Summer hiatus. Despite the fact that "Colgate Comedy Hour," "Your Show of Shows," "The Milton Berle Show" and other favorites are vacationing, the network, is still presenting the greatest number of top-rated programs.

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Walter Greaza, veteran character actor of stage, screen, TV and radio, will return to his familiar role of "Chief of Bureau" when TREASURY MEN IN ACTION resumes for the Fall season on Thursday, Aug. 27 (NBC-TV, 8:30 p.m., EDT), following a Summer vacation.

Opening show of the new series will be "The Case of the Hide-Away Herd," dramatized from an actual case taken from the closed files of the U.S. Treasury Department. Important parts in the half-hour teleplay will be enacted by Don Briggs, Murray Hamilton and Loretta Daye.

The story concerns a desperate cattle thief who exploits a young girl's affection for him to promote a modern-day cattle-rustling racket. Branding sick and stolen cattle to avoid detection, a band of rustlers threaten part of the nation's food supply with their South-of-the-border smuggling scheme. Federal treasury agents must race against time in an effort to crack down on the bold operation.

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CREDITS FOR 'TREASURY MEN IN ACTION' ON NBC-TV

PROGRAM: TREASURY MEN IN ACTION

RETURN DATE: Thursday, Aug. 27, 1953

TIME: Thursdays, 8:30-9:00 p.m., EDT.

FORMAT: Dramatizations of authentic cases

from the files of the U.S.
Treasury Department, relating
the work of Treasury agents
(Customs, Internal Revenue,
etc.) in apprehending lawbreakers. Each case is intro-

breakers. Each case is introduced by the "Chief of Bureau."

CAST: Walter Greaza is starred as

"Chief of Bureau." Remainder

of cast varies weekly.

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: Everett Rosenthal, for Prockter

Television Enterprises.

PRODUCER: Robert Sloane

DIRECTOR: Dan Petrie

WRITERS: Various

MUSICAL DIRECTOR: Jacques Press.

SPONSOR: Borden's Instant Coffee

AGENCY: Doherty, Clifford, Steers and

Shenfield, Inc.

ORIGINATION: New York, "live," with some

portions on film.

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PREMIERE DATE: Thursday, April 5, 1951

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PAUL WINCHELL -- AND JERRY MAHONEY, TOO -
RETURN TO NBC-TV SUNDAY, AUG. 30

Paul Winchell Show' Will Have Comedy-Variety Format

THE PAUL WINCHELL SHOW, utilizing the versatile talents of the famed ventriloquist in a new type of comedy-variety format, will return to the NBC-TV network Sunday, Aug. 30 (7 p.m., EDT).

The weekly half-hour program will be sponsored by the Procter and Gamble Company for Cheer and Camay. Young and Rubicam is the agency.

Jerry Mahoney, Paul's witty, wise and audacious dummy sidekick, will be very much in evidence acting, dancing, and dueling verbally with Paul.

Dramatic production sequences, featuring outstanding performers of the American theatre and screen with Winchell will be presented as another element in the fast-paced show.

While elevating the art of ventriloquism to a high level of variety entertainment, Winchell developed other talents that have (more)

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won favor with his large audience in the five years he has been on television. Four of those years he was the star of his own show with his partner Jerry, giving memorable support.

Winchell's successful career began when Paul, as a boy, appeared on the Major Bowes "Amateur Hour" and attracted the greatest number of telephone calls from radio listeners ever received. Only 14 then, Winchell started an ascent that has assured him a place among top personalities of the entertainment world.

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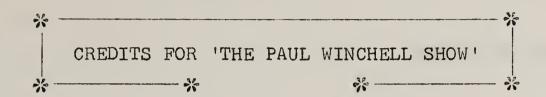
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PROGRAM TITLE:

"The Paul Winchell Show"

RETURNING DATE:

Sunday, August 30, NBC-TV, 7-7:30 p.m., EDT

FORMAT:

Comedy-variety with a dramatic sequence

STARS:

Paul Winchell, his dummy sidekick Jerry Mahoney, stars of stage, screen and TV who will appear in the dramatic

sequences.

WRITER:

Buddy Burtson

PRODUCER:

Pete Barnum

DIRECTOR:

Lester Vail

SPONSOR:

The Procter & Gamble Company

AGENCY:

Young & Rubicam

ORIGINATION:

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'NEWS OF THE WORLD,' TOP-RATED RADIO NEWS SHOW, STARTS 15TH YEAR ON NBC NETWORK ON AUG. 24

Millions of listeners in every corner of the U.S.A. who have faithfully tuned in on NBC's famous radio news round-up, NEWS OF THE WORLD, (7:30 and ll:15 p.m., EDT) every evening during the past decadeand-a-half, are going to have a little celebration.

On Monday, Aug. 24 "News of the World" will start its 15th year on the air. The program -- known and respected throughout the country -- still has top rating among the multi-weekly newscasts on radio, a position which has gone unchallenged for the past five years.

This rating is between two and three times that of its nearest competitor. Miles' Laboratories (for Alka-Seltzer), only sponsor to buy the full network program for East and West, has been associated with the show since March 24, 1941. The company also sponsors ONE MAN'S FAMILY (NBC radio, 7:45 p.m., EDT, daily), another popular NBC feature.

John W. Vandercook, writer, explorer and London-born radio news commentator, was on the air five times weekly with "News of the World" at the inception of the program, which was developed into one (more)

of the leading news round-ups on radio. In Sept., 1946, Morgan Beatty, crack news analyst and war correspondent, became its editor-in-chief and commentator and has continued in that role ever since.

"News of the World," which continues to top the Nielsen survey with a rating of 4.8, contrasting with 2.8 for its nearest competitor, was the first direct remote pick-up from actual scene of the news.

The first "News of the World" broadcast from Paris on Aug. 24, 1939, anticipated the outbreak of World War II by a few days. Three days before, the news of Hitler's non-aggression pact with the Soviet Union brought Paul Archinard flying back from Milan where he had been visiting with Arturo Toscanini. Archinard, who was the first overseas reporter for the series, is still with the program, He was first in a line of distinguished correspondents bringing to the American people eyewitness reports of worldwide news developments.

A partial roster of these names, many of them household words in the U.S., includes Leon Pearson; W.W. Chaplin; Jim Hurlbut, who reports from Chicago; Ed Haaker, Los Angeles; Joe Gillespie, San Francisco; Earl Godwin, Ray Scherer, Leif Eid, Washington; Romney Wheeler, out of London; Frank Bourgholzer and Paul Archinard, Paris; Bob McCormick, currently in Bonn; Jack Begon, Rome; George Thomas Folster, Tokyo; Jim Robinson, Wilson Hall and John Rich, Korea.

The work of these correspondents is supplemented by so-called "stringers," or reporters who cover important stories when they happen, with the result that "News of the World" has the impact of a wellrounded newspaper.

Its wide scope is apparent from a cursory examination of the points round the globe from which pick-ups were made during the 60 days

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of broadcasting ending on July 31. These points included cities in North and South America, Europe; Asia; Africa; the Near and Far East; and a great many cities and towns in the United States.

Each afternoon at 4 p.m., EDT, the director-editor of the show, Chet Hagan, has a "go-around" via short-wave open circuits with Morgan Beatty in Washington, and other key correspondents on the European continent.

The latter review the news developments of the day, and determine which take priority. The reporters then go out after their stories, reporting back on "News of the World." The same preview is given the late show which goes on the air at 11:15.

When the news justifies it, the show moves to the scene of developments -- but the news must be of major importance. Morgan Beatty, along with his coordinators, Arthur Barrio and Julian Goodman -- the latter manager of network news in the Washington Bureau -- covered the explosion of the A-bomb at Bikini; the blizzards of 1950; the big floods earlier this year; the Coronation; the Italian elections and the French economic crisis. These stories were reported on the spot, in some cases from aircraft flying over the scenes.

"News of the World" came into its own as a top-rated news package when Joseph O. Meyers, now manager of NBC's central news desk, took over the job as producer-director in May, 1944. Leaning heavily on his wide newspaper and radio training, Meyers strengthened the show by using more and more domestic material directly from NBC affiliated stations. As Meyers moved into higher executive positions in NBC news, the shows were taken over by Francis Littlejohn and later by Len Allen, now NBC's TV news editor. Joe Meyers still maintains an active role in the programming of "News of the World."

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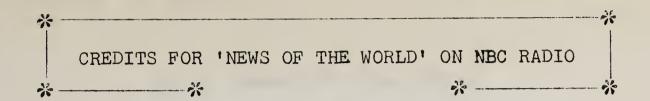
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PROGRAM TITLE:

NEWS OF THE WORLD

DATES:

Monday through Friday -- 7:30-7:45 p.m., EDT, WNBC and network. 11:15-11:30 p.m., EDT, Network except WNBC.

FORMAT:

Features Morgan Beatty as commentator, with direct pick-ups from points of news origin.

WRITER:

Correspondents write own

material

STARS:

Morgan Beatty and NBC

correspondents

PRODUCER:

Joseph O. Meyers

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NEWS EDITOR:

Chet Hagan

WASHINGTON

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AGENCY:

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NBC'S 'BADGE 714' FILM SERIES HAS BEEN SOLD IN 33 MARKETS

"Ladge 714" ("Dragnet" episodes formerly titled "The Cop") has been sold in 33 markets, John B. Cron, national sales manager for the NBC Film Division, announced today.

"Badse 714" was sold this week to KTSM-TV, El Paso, Texas, and to the Scott-Henderson agency for the Tucson, Ariz. market.

Other NBC Film Division sales this week include those of "Captured" (24 markets) to KMMT, Austin, Minn.; to the Byer & Bowman agency for showing over WBNS-TV, Columbus, and WHIZ-TV, Zanesville, Ohio; and to the G. Norman Buche agency for the Pittsburgh, Pa., market.

"Douglas Fairbanks Presents" was sold this week to WBEN-TV, Buffalo, the 90th market to buy this series. The Buffalo station also bought "The Visitor" (36 markets), "Victory at Sea" (53 markets), "Watch the World" and the "Weekly News Review."

Also, the Bruce B. Bremer Co. bought "Watch the World" for the Kansas City, Mo., market; and the "News Review" was sold to WFBM-TV, Indianapolis, and for sponsorship by the Dinkler-Plaza Hotel in the Atlanta, Ga., market.



FRED COE NAMES THERESE LEWIS AS HIS TV STORY EDITOR

Fred Coe, NBC-TV executive producer, has named Miss Therese Lewis story editor for the various productions under his personal supervision. The shows include MR. PEEPERS, the Wally Cox vehicle which resumes on NBC-TV Sunday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m., EDT; the Philco and Goodyear Television Playhouses, seen on NBC-TV alternate Sundays at 9 p.m., EDT; FIRST PERSON, on NBC-TV each Friday at 8:30 p.m., EDT; and the new Ezio Pinza dramatic series, BONINO, which has it premiere on NBC-TV Saturday, Sept. 12 at 8 p.m., EDT. Robert Alan Aurthur, Coe's present story editor, will henceforth concentrate all his time on "Bonino," which he is writing with David Shaw.

Miss Lewis, a frequent contributor to the slick fiction magazines, wrote and edited many of the Helen Hayes radio scripts. She has written several Rosalind Russell films as well as TV scripts for "Robert Montgomery Presents" and the "Schlitz Playhouse," among others.

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'ATOM SQUAD' MAKES GOOD RIGHT FROM THE START

How's this for a quick success story?

On July 6, NBC-TV introduced its new adventure-fiction series ATOM SQUAD (Monday-through-Friday, 5 p.m., EDT). The show's Nielsen rating for its first week was a healthy 6.3. For the second week the rating was up to 7.3 and by the end of the third week it had mounted to 7.9.

Put another way, this means that "Atom Squad" reached an average 778,000 homes each day during its first week, and by the third week was viewed by an average 1,008,000 homes each day. During the third week, the show's share of the viewing audience at that time was 41.3 per cent.

All this was achieved during the middle of the Summer season -- a season supposedly marked by low and drooping ratings.

The daily, 15-minute program details the exciting experiences of an organization called the "Atom Squad," whose primary purpose is to guard the atomic secrets of this country.

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NBC-TV MORNING LINEUP CATCHING ON WITH NATION'S VIEWERS, NIELSEN REPORT SHOWS

NBC's new morning line-up of television programs is fast catching on with the nation's viewers.

Three of the new, five-time weekly shows -- GLAMOUR GIRL (10:30-11 a.m., EDT), HAWKINS FALLS (11:11:15 a.m., EDT) and THE BENNETTS (11:15-11:30 a.m., EDT) -- showed whopping increases in audience popularity during the first three weeks they were on the air, according to the National Nielsen Ratings for July 6-24.

All three shows began on July 6, "Glamour Girl" starting with a rating average of 3.6 for the first week and climbing steadily to a 5.3 rating by the third week.

"Hawkins Falls" notched a 4.6 rating during the first week and was up to 6.1 by the third week, while "The Bennetts" increased its rating from 3.7 to 5.0 in the three-week period.

The share of audience grabbed by these shows during this period is even more encouraging, the Nielsen figures point out.

"Glamour Girl" started with a 27.7 per cent share of the audience the first week and by the end of the third week commanded 37.1 per cent.

"Hawkins Falls" jumped from 38.6 to 50.0 (half the viewing audience at that time) and "The Bennetts" from 35.0 to 44.5 in share of audience figures for the three-week period.

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The quick acceptance of these three new programs by an ever-increasing audience provides dramatic evidence of the audience pull and strength inherent in NBC-TV's new morning program schedule. The programs are under the direct supervision of Adrian Samish, NBC-TV's supervisor of daytime programs.

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* 'MY LITTLE MARGIE,' WITH CHARLES FARRELL

AND GALE STORM STARTS ON NBC-TV SEPT. 2

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MY LITTLE MARGIE, situation comedy series starring Gale Storm and Charles Farrell starts it 1953-54 Fall and Winter season on NBC-TV Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 8:30 p.m., EDT.

The teleplays, by Frank Fox and George Carleton Brown, present Farrell in the role of Vernon Albright, a fifty-ish widower whose main interest in life is his 21-year-old daughter, Margie (Miss Storm).

Margie is convinced that she must "bring up father" according to her own precepts.

Other regulars in the cast are Hillary Brooke who portrays
Roberta Townsend, the romantic interest in Vernon Albright's life;
youthful Don Hayden who plays Margie's boyfriend, Freddie, and
Clarence Kolb who fills the role of Mr. Honeywell, the irascible head
of the firm which employs Albright.

"My Little Margie" sponsored by the Scott Paper Company is a Roland Reed production, filmed at the Hal Roach Studio in Culver City. Hal Roach, Jr. is producer of the series which is directed by Hal Yates.

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CREDIT SHEET ON 'MY LITTLE MARGIE' ON NBC-TV

PROGRAM:

MY LITTLE MARGIE

TIME:

NBC-TV, Wednesdays 8:30 p.m., EDT

STARTING DATE:

Sept. 2, 1953

ORIGINATION:

Hollywood. Filmed by Roland Redd

Productions.

FORMAT:

Situation comedy

STARS:

Gale Storm and Charles Farrell

PRODUCER:

Hal. Roach

DIRECTOR:

Hal Yates

WRITERS:

Frank Fox, George Carleton Brown

REGULAR CAST:

Don Hayden as Freddie Wilson Gertrude Hoffman as Mrs. Odetts, Clarence Kolb as Mr. Honeywell, Hillary Brooke as Roberta

Townsend and Willie Best as

Charlie.

PRODUCTION MANAGER:

Dick Lestrange

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:

Dick Moder

SUPERVISING EDITOR:

Rou Luby Ace

EDITED BY:

Fred Maguire, Bert Jordan and Ace

SOUND:

Charles Althouse and Joel Moss

PHOTOGRAPHIC EFFECTS:

Jack Glass

ART DIRECTOR:

Gene Lourie

SPONSOR:

Scott Paper Co.

AGENCY:

J. Walter Thompson

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MARTIN KANE finds a killer who turns a childhood dream into a nightmare reality on the first of the "Kane" episodes starring Mark Stevens, Thursday, Aug. 27 (NBC-TV, 10 p.m., EDT).

In one of his most difficult cases, Kane (Stevens) uncovers enough information to put his finger on the killer of a night-shift worker who for all appearances is murdered for the few dollars in her pocketbook.

Featured with Stevens in his fight against the underworld will be his sidekick, Happy McMann (Walter Kinsella) proprietor of the tobacco shop which Kane uses as his crime clearing house.

The format of the program will remain the same with Stevens playing the role of a private detective. However, more emphasis will be put on mystery and suspense and away from stereotyped crime situations. The title of the show will be shortened to "Martin Kane" from the previous "Martin Kane, Private Eye."

The show is produced by the Kudner Agency for the United States Tobacco Company and is directed by Edgar C. Kahn.

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CREDITS FOR 'MARTIN KANE' ON NBC-TV

PROGRAM: MAR'TIN KANE

TIME: 10:00-10:30 p.m., EDT

FORMAT: With the coming of Mark Stevens

into the lead as "Martin Kane," the scripts will be tailored to fit his character as a smart operative with emphasis on mystery and suspense away from

stereotyped detective roles.

STAR: Mark Stevens (beginning Aug. 27).

PRODUCER: Kudner Agency

DIRECTOR: Edgar C. Kahn

WRITERS: Lawrence Klee, Paul Dudley,

Alvin Boretz

SETTINGS: Robert MacKichen

SPONSOR: United States Tobacco Company

PRODUCTS: Encore and Sano Cigarettes

AGENCY CONTACT: Myron P. Kirk, C.M. Rohrabaugh,

Lloyd Delaney; Publicity: John

L. Nanovic

NBC PUBLICITY
CONTACT: Priscilla Campbell

ORIGINATION: NBC studios, New York.

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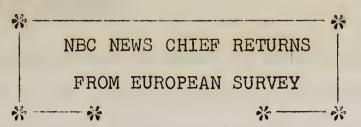
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Far-reaching modifications in the system of NBC-TV News-film coverage of world events were forecast today by William R. McAndrew, the network's manager of news and special events, on his return from a three-week tour of European capitals where he consulted with correspondents and cameramen working under his direction.

The NBC system of news coverage for television, with eight years of experience behind it, is preeminent in the field, McAndrew said, but numerous problems remain to be worked out. Among these are censorship by certain Near Eastern countries, the difficulty in obtaining visas for roving cameramen and reporters, delay in shipment of the film occasioned by customs, schedules, weather, etc.

Although he did not go into detail on his proposals for stepping up the NBC-TV Newsfilm operation, McAndrew indicated that representations might be made through State Department channels to the governments which make it difficult for American correspondents to get their stories.

NBC-TV Newsfilm has penetrated the Iron Curtain with coverage both in Eastern Germany and the Soviet Union itself, McAndrew indicated that efforts to step up this coverage will be increased.

McAndrew spent some time with NBC correspondents in London, Paris, Frankfurt, Berlin and Rome. He interviewed U.S. Ambassador Dillon in Paris, and other State Department officials who brought him up to date on political developments in Western Europe.

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The NBC news chief returned in sufficient time to give his personal attention to the special program celebration the 8th anniversary of NBC-TV newsfilm this Sunday, Aug. 23 (7-8 p.m., EDT). Entitled ASSIGNMENT: TOMORROW, the one-hour production will consist of excerpts from the film coverage of the major news stories of the past eight years by NBC-TV news cameramen.

Jim Fleming is narrator and editor with Art Holch as assistant editor, Charles Christensen is director.

McAndrew, 38, who worked for newspapers and the United Press in Washington, has been with NBC since Sept., 1936. He has reported and directed coverage of national political conventions, served in a series of executive capacities for NBC, and is currently responsible for all news both on radio and TV for the network.

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SARAH CHURCHILL RETURNS AS HOSTESS IN NEW 'HALLMARK HALL OF FAME'

Sarah Churchill will return as hostess-narrator and occasional star actress when HALLMARK HALL OF FAME resumes in a new hour-long format, once again with Albert McCleery as producer-director on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>Sept 27</u> (NBC-TV, 5-6 p.m., EST). The dramatic series, which has been on a Summer vacation, formerly was a half-hour show.

The time expansion will be accompanied, producer-director McCleery stated, by a broadened scope of dramatic fare which will include, in addition to dramatizations of the lives of great figures of history, several of the great classic plays and a number of origina dramas and one opera, to be commissioned from top-ranking playwrights and composers.

Also planned for "Hallmark Hall of Fame's" new format are several original television plays based on the lives of contemporary personalities who have made noteworthy contributions to mankind.

"We believe we have material for an entertaining and, at the same time, inspiring series of dramatic programs that should interest a broad cross-section of television viewers," McCleery said.

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"In addition to the historical dramas which we have found have a universal appeal and draw great support from the educational field, we hope to duplicate the success of last season's 'Hamlet' and 'Amahl and the Night Visitors' with 3 or 4 presentations of the classics and the same number of original plays and operas that we are commissioning," he continued.

Rehearsals are expected to start shortly after Sarah

Churchill's return from England next month, where she has been vacationing with her family. The series will continue to utilize the so-called "arena style" or "theatre-in-the-round" technique which McCleery personally devised for TV and which he has used with considerable success the past few seasons.

For the third consecutive season, Hallmark Cards will be the sponsor. Foote, Cone and Belding is the agency handling the account.

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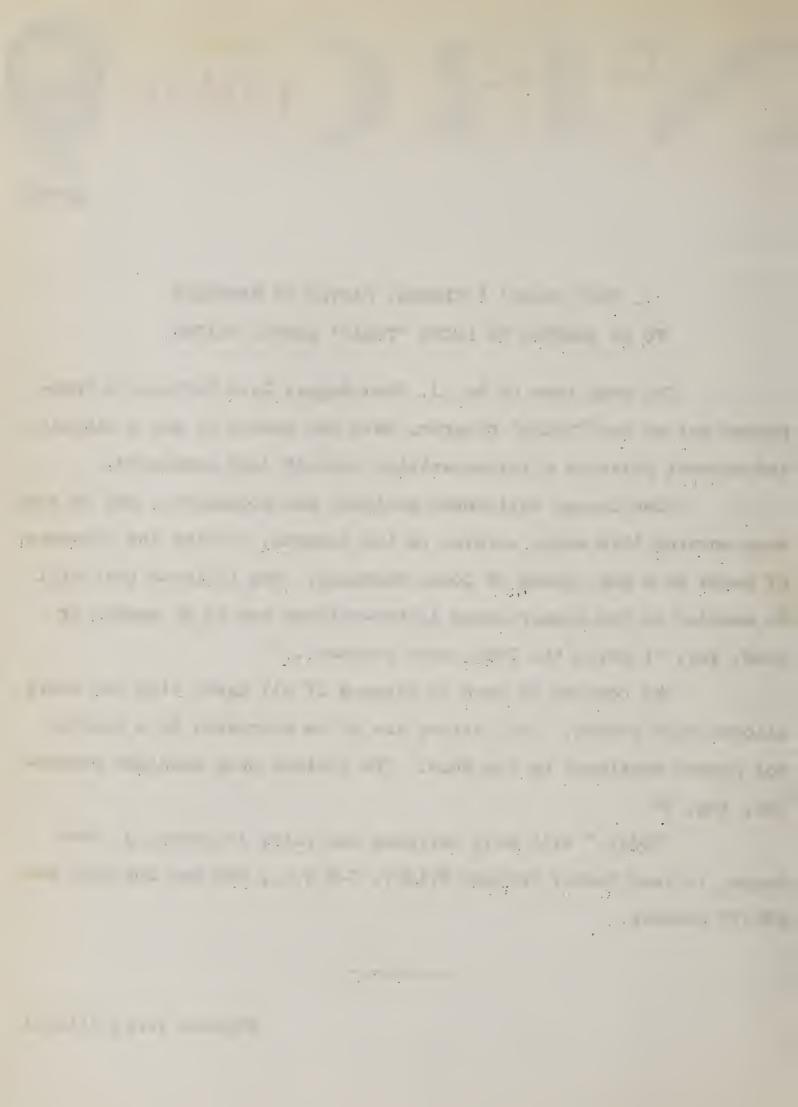
The many fans of Mr. J. Fred Muggs, Dave Garroway's chimpanzee pal on the "Today" program, have the chance to win a singular and unusual prize in a letter-writing contest just announced.

John Lacey, well-known sculptor and woodcarver, may be seen each morning this week, working on the program, carving the likeness of Muggs in a huge block of Congo mahogany. The finished bust will be awarded to the winner among letter-writers who in 25 words, or less, say, "I watch the Today show because..."

The contest is open to viewers of all ages, with one entry allowed each person. The letters are to be addressed to a special box number mentioned on the show. The contest ends midnight Wednesday, Aug. 26.

"Today," with Dave Garroway and pals, including J. Fred Muggs, is seen Monday through Friday, 7-9 a.m., EDT and CDT over the NBC-TV network.

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POSTMAN DING-DONGS TWICE-PLUS 90,226 TIMES

When Frances Horwich, Miss Frances of NBC's DING DONG SCHOOL, went on vacation last week, the program had received since its inception 90,228 pieces of mail, quite a record for a children's program.

Dr. Horwich is on vacation with her husband Harvey Horwich, recently returned from Korea where he was a civilian historian for the Eighth Air Force. During Dr. Horwich's absence from the program she is being seen in films made especially for her vacation period.



JAMESON NAMED TO NBC SPOT SALES REGIONAL POST

Edwin T. Jameson has been appointed regional sales representative for NBC Spot Sales in Camden, N.J., Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania. //

Jameson recently joined NBC after serving with Free & Peters, radio station WNEW in New York, CBS and the Crosley Broadcasting Corp.

He is a member of the Radio and Television Executives Society and the Poor Richard Club of Philadelphia.

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'HAVING WONDERFUL BUT BUSY TIME': POST CARDS FROM NBC CORRESPONDENTS REACH EDITORS' DESKS

Radio and television columnists for newspapers, magazines, the trade and other media, have been on the receiving end of color postal cards literally from the ends of the earth -- during the past few weeks.

The writers? Staff correspondents, reporters, cameramen, and traveling members of the NBC staff.

This sudden manifestation of interest in tourist promotion has nothing to do with vacationism.

It all grew out of the eighth anniversary of NBC-TV News Film which will be celebrated coming <u>Sunday</u>, <u>Aug. 23</u> with a special program, ASSIGNMENT: TOMORROW (NBC-TV, 7-8 p.m., EDT).

The program will consist of excerpts from 3,000 days of history as recorded by NBC cameramen-reporters from 200 or more key news spots all over the world. NBC was first in the field of newsfilm production for television.

One newspaper columnist has reported receiving postal cards from Hawaii, Copenhagen, Cairo, Singapore, Tel Aviv, Rome, Beirut, and Kenya.

The messages, penned by NBC newshawks, are a barometer of news value in the world's hot spots. An NBC man in Switzerland, for instance, wrote: "Need an Alping hand to tell all about NBC's anniversary in newsfilm this month."

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'TODAY,' WITH LARGEST CLIENT ROSTER IN TV, STILL ADDING NEW BUSINESS AT STEADY PACE

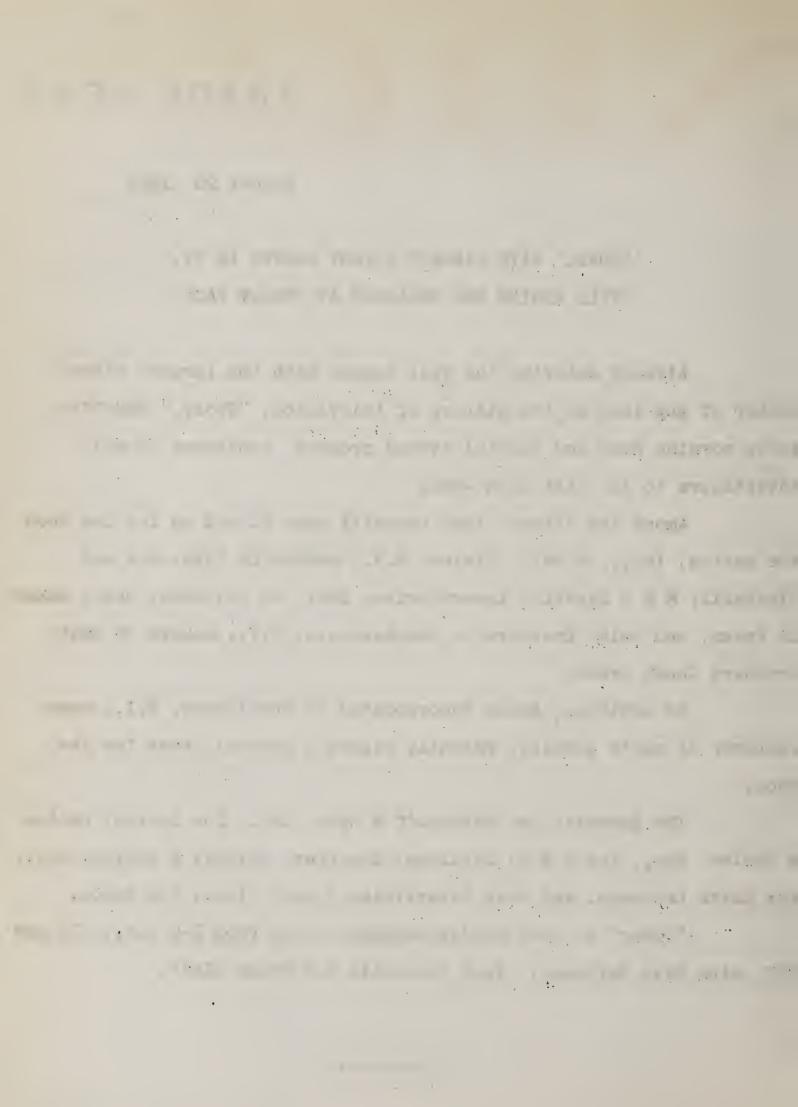
Already entering the Fall season with the largest client roster of any show in the history of television, "Today," NBC-TV's early morning news and special events program, continues to add advertisers to its list each week.

Among the clients that recently have signed up for the show are Eastco, Inc., of White Plains, N.Y., makers of Scratchex and Clearasil; M & R Dietetic Laboratories, Inc., of Columbus, Ohio, makers of Pream, and Smith Brothers of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., makers of Smith Brothers Cough Drops.

In addition, Anson Incorporated of Providence, R.I., manufacturer of men's jewelry, recently signed a renewal order for the show.

The agencies are Ruthrauff & Ryan, Inc., for Eastco; Benton & Bowles, Inc., for M & R; Sullivan, Stauffer, Colwell & Bayles, Inc., for Smith Brothers, and Grey Advertising Agency, Inc., for Anson.

"Today" is seen Monday-through-Friday from 7-9 a.m., EDT and CDT, with Dave Garroway, Jack Lescoulie and Frank Blair.



FLORIDA CITRUS GROUP BUYS TIME ON NBC'S EV'RY DAY SHOW

The Florida Citrus Commission has purchased Meredith Willson's EV'RY DAY for three days a week starting Wednesday, November 18.

The Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (NBC radio network except WNBC, 9:45 a.m., EDT) stanzas will be aired in the interest of fresh oranges and grapefruit, canned and frozen orange and grapefruit sections, and juices and concentrates.

The contract was signed through the J. Walter Thompson agency.

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BEN GRAUER ON EUROPEAN SURVEY

NBC newsman Ben Grauer will depart this weekend on LAI-The Italian Air Lines, for Italy to do a special coverage for NBC News Film of the super-luxury 100-mile-per-hour train operated by the Italian State Railways between Milan, Rome and Naples.

While on a three-week news survey trip in Europe, Grauer will also visit Austria and France to observe foreign developments. His radio program, "The Author Speaks" (Saturday, 5:30 p.m., EDT) has been recorded in advance for the period that he will be out of the country and Gene Hamilton will substitute for him as announcer for the NBC Summer Symphony Series (Sunday, 5 p.m., EDT).

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CREDITS FOR 'DING DONG SCHOOL' ON NBC-TV

PROGRAM:

Ding Dong School

STARTING DATE:

WNBQ - October 3, 1952; NBC network - Novem-

ber 24, 1952.

TIME:

Monday through Friday, 10 to 10:30 a.m.,

EDT.

FORMAT:

Educational program for pre-school age young-sters conducted by professional educator. Features games, aids in developing motor skills, vocabulary, good habits, etc.

STAR:

Frances Horwich, Ph.D.

PRODUCER:

Reinald Werrenrath, Jr.

ORIGINATION:

NBC studios, Chicago.

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CREDITS FOR 'NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR' ON NBC RADIO

PROGRAM: THE NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR

STARTING DATE: October 2, 1928

TIME: NBC radio, Saturdays, 1:00 to

1:30 p.m., EDT

FORMAT: Agricultural features, including

USDA reports from Washington, market reports from Chicago, and

music.

STARS: NBC farm commentator Everett

Mitchell; Whitey Berquist and the Homesteaders Orchestra; the Farm and Home Quartet; USDA in-

formation officer Ken Gapen.

PRODUCER: Herbert Lateau

WRITER: Bob Carman

MUSICAL DIRECTOR: Whitey Berguist

ORIGINATION: Chicago, and remote pick-up points.

SPONSOR: Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing

Company, Milwaukee, Wis.

AGENCY: Bert S. Gittins, Milwaukee, Wis.

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NBC RADIO PROGRAMS

DIETS FOR CHILDREN DISCUSSED ON 'FARM AND HOME HOUR'

Department of Agriculture information officer Ken Gapen and Sayde Adelson, food economist for the department's Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics, will discuss proper diets for youngsters on the Saturday, Aug. 29, NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR (NBC 1 p.m., EDT).

The discussion, aimed especially at parents, teachers, club leaders, and the youngsters themselves, will outline diet requirements and suggest foods to best fill those requirements.

Whitey Berquist's Homesteaders Orchestra and the Farm and Home Quartet will offer "Stay in Your Own Backyard," and "Are You From Dixie?".

Gapen will report USDA headlines from Washington, and Everett Mitchell will sign off with a summary of the farm markets from Chicago.

IOWA FARMER HONORED ON 'THIS FARMING BUSINESS'

G. Donald Trenary, who operates a 320-acre stock farm near Pecahontas, Ia., will receive the W. G. Skelly Agricultural Achievement Award on THIS FARMING BUSINESS, Saturday, Aug. 29 (NBC radio network except WNBC, 9 a.m., EDT).

Although beef and pork production are of primary importance on the Trenary farm, careful crop planning is needed to support the stock. A six-year crop rotation plan is followed, with two years in corn, one in beans, one in oats and two in meadow or pasture.

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TRADE NEWS

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NBC-TV SIGNS NINE NEW SPONSORS FOR FOUR LEADING PROGRAMS

Nine new sponsors for four of NBC-TV's most popular programs were announced today by George Frey, vice president in charge of television sales.

Three clients have signed up for TODAY, early morning news and special events show; three for YOUR SHOW OF SHOWS and ALL STAR REVUE, 90-minute Saturday night comedy-music extravaganzas; two for THE KATE SMITH HOUR, the long-established afternoon show, and one for NAME THAT TUNE, the network's new music-comedy quiz show.

In addition, NBC-TV also announces today that three clients have renewed their contracts for "Your Show of Shows" and one for "Name That Tune."

The new business on "Today" was ordered by General Mills, Inc., makers of O-Cel-O; Harry & David Corp. for Royal Riviera Pears and the Fruit-of-the-Month Club; and Beatrice Foods Co., makers of La Choy sauce. "Today" is seen Monday-through-Friday on NBC-TV (7-9 a.m., EDT and CDT) and stars Dave Garroway.

New clients for "Your Show of Shows" and "All Star Revue" are Cat's Paw Rubber Co., which will advertise rubber heels and soles during a 10-minute segment between 10 and 10:30 p.m., EDT on

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various Saturdays throughout the year; Johnson & Johnson, makers of Band-Aid plastic strips and surgical dressings, which also will offer its message during a 10-minute segment between 10 and 10:30 p.m., EDT, on various Saturdays throughout the year, and Bourjois, Inc., makers of perfume and cosmetics, which has bought 10 minutes between 9:30 and 10 p.m. for three telecasts during the Christmas holiday season.

"Your Show of Shows," starring Sid Caesar and Imogene Coca, returns to the air Saturday, Sept. 12, and will be seen three out of four weeks, with "All Star Revue" presented on the fourth week.

The new sponsors for "The Kate Smith Hour" (Monday-through Friday, 3-4 p.m., EDT) are Corn Products Refining Co., makers of Linit Laundry Starch, and Gerber Products Co., makers of baby foods. Corn Products has bought the 15-minute Monday segment from 3:45 to 4 p.m. on alternate weeks and Gerber has ordered the 3:45 to 4 p.m. Wednesday segment each week.

Block Drug Company will advertise its product, Ammident toothpaste, on alternate weeks of "Name That Tune" (Monday, 8 to 8:30 p.m., EDT). The Block firm will alternate sponsorship with the Speidel Corp, which has just renewed its order for the show.

The other renewals announced today, all for "Your Show of Shows" and "All Star Revue," are Benrus Watch Company, Griffin Mfg. Co., Inc., makers of shoe polish, and S.O.S..Company, makers of S.O.S. Cleaner, all for 10 minutes each Saturday from 9:30 to 10 p.m., EDT.

The agencies for these various clients are: Comstock & Company for General Mills; Guild, Bascom & Bonfigli, Inc., for Harry and

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David; Foote, Cone & Belding for Beatrice Foods; S.A. Levyne Company for Cat's Paw; Young & Rubicam, Inc., for Johnson & Johnson; Foote, Cone & Belding for Bourjois; C.L. Miller Company, Inc., for Corn Products; D'Arcy Advertising Company, Inc., for Gerber; Cecil & Presbrey, Inc., for the Block Company; Sullivan, Stauffer, Colwell & Bayles, Inc., for Speidel; Cecil & Presbrey, Inc., for Benrus; Bermingham, Castleman & Pierce, Inc., for Griffin and McCann-Erickson, Inc., for S.O.S.

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COMMUNIST TREACHERY IN POW HANDLING
TO BE TOLD IN SPECIAL NBC BROADCAST

Sec. of State Dulles and Gen. Clark to Be Interviewed In 'Present and Accounted For'; Eyewitnesses Featured

The inside story of Communist treachery in carrying out the terms of the Korean truce agreement, and more specifically in releasing captive troops, will feature a special broadcast, PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR, scheduled for NBC radio on Wednesday, Aug. 26, (10:35-11:00 p.m. EDT).

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and General Mark Clark will be interviewed by NBC news-casters Morgan Beatty, Irving R. Levine and Ken Banghart.

The program will include eyewitness stories by GIs who have been released in Operation Big Switch, and parodies on popular tunes in which conditions in the POW camps in North Korea are described.

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 TRADE NEWS

August 21, 1953

GANGSTER'S SURRENDER TO WINCHELL
TO BE DRAMATIZED ON 'BIG STORY'

THE BIG STORY, dramatizing authentic cases featuring newspapermen throughout the United States, will return to NBC-TV for the Fall season on Friday, Aug. 28 (9 p.m., EDT), with the story of the surrender of a public enemy to newsman Walter Winchell.

Singled out to be the go-between in the surrender of one of gangland's most dangerous characters, Winchell was instructed by the mobsters to drive alone to the remote spot where he would meet the fugitive for whom the whole nation was hunting. The reporter's courage in this behind-the-headlines venture helped bring an end to a reign of terror, extortion and murder.

Television actor George Petrie will portray the columnist and radio reporter. Russell Hardie will portray FBI director J. Edgar Hoover. "The Big Story" is produced by Bernard J. Prockter. The script was adapted by Max Ehrlich from the pages of the New York Daily Mirror.

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CREDITS FOR 'THE BIG STORY' ON NBC-TV

PROGRAM: THE BIG STORY

NETWORK: NBC-TV

FORMAT:

Fridays, 9 p.m., EDT, (Returns Aug. 28) TIME:

Dramatizations of authentic experiences of newspapermen on their outstanding assignments. Each program relates the true story of a reporter who, in covering a story, has performed a considerable public service, such as solving a murder case, exonerating an innocent person accused of crime, or uncovering a corrupt political manchination. Each reporter whose experience is dramatized receives a \$500 award.

Bob Sloane NARRATOR:

Bernard J. Prockter for PRODUCER:

Prockter Production Agency.

ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR: Vladimir Selinsky.

WRITERS: Various.

POINT OF ORIGIN: New York

American Cigarette and Cigar SPONSOR: Co., Inc. (for Pall Mall

cigarettes).

Sullivan, Stauffer, Colwell and AGENCY: Bayles, Inc.

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CREDITS FOR 'THE BENNETTS' ON NBC-TV

PROGRAM:

THE BENNETTS

STARTING DATE:

July 6, 1953

TIME:

NBC-TV, Mondays-through-

Fridays, 11:15-11:30 a.m., EDT

FORMAT:

Dramatic serial based on

the day-to-day life of

a young Midwestern

lawyer, his family, his

friends -- and his

cases.

STARS:

Don Gibson as attorney

Wayne Bennett, Jerry Garvey as the 13-year-

old son, Mike.

CAST:

Kay Westfall (as Alma

Wells), Jim Andelin

(Bert Wells), Viola Berwick (Speedy Winters),

Beverly Younger (Meg Cobb), Jack Lester (Blaney Cobb) and Sam

Siegel (George Konosis).

PRODUCER:

Ben Park

DIRECTOR:

John Hinsey

WRITER:

Bill Barrett

SETS:

Bill Rittman

ORIGINATION:

Chicago.

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HERBERT SWOPE, JR., WILL PRODUCE SALES PROMOTION FILM FOR NBC-TV

Herbert Swope, Jr., who last season was alternate-week director of the highly successful "Robert Montgomery Presents," will produce a special sales promotion film for NBC-TV.

His new assignment, details of which will be announced later, is under direct supervision of Jacob Evans, director of advertising and promotion. The idea for the film was conceived by John K. Herbert, NBC vice president in charge of Television.

As alternate director of "Robert Montgomery Presents," Swope received the Sylvania Award for "outstanding achievement in creative television technique." During the year he was associated with the show, "Robert Montgomery Presents" swept many major awards for television drama, including the Look TV Award, the TV Guide Award and Radio-Television Daily's Annual Survey of the Nation's Radio and Television Editors' Preferences.

Among Swope's major achievements last year was the direction of John O'Hara's "Appointment in Samarra," which starred Montgomery and was considered one of the year's outstanding TV dramas.

Before directing "Robert Montgomery Presents," Swope was producer-director of "Lights Out," producer of "The Clock," and "The Royal Showcase," and director of "The Black Robe." Upon completion of the promotion film, he will produce one series and direct another during the coming season on NBC-TV.

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FALL SERIES OF 'ROBERT MONTGOMERY PRESENTS'
STARTS AUG. 31; MAJOR DRAMATIZATIONS LISTED

Sponsorship Will Again Alternate Between Lucky Strikes
And Johnson's Wax; Brian Donlevy on Opening Show

Following a Summer hiatus, ROBERT MONTGOMERY PRESENTS will return for the regular Fall series Monday, Aug. 31 on NBC-TV at 9:30 p.m., EDT. During the past eight weeks' vacation period, Montgomery has been offering a season of Summer stock in the time segment, featuring the Robert Montgomery Players, for the second successive season.

Montgomery will once again personally appear on his hour-long dramatic program as host and narrator, as well as occasional star actor. He is executive producer of the series for Neptune Productions. As heretofore, spongorship will alternate weekly between the American Tobacco Company for Lucky Strike Cigarettes and the Johnson's Wax Company in behalf of its products, with the kick-off show being "Robert Montgomery Presents the Johnson's Wax Program."

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 An unusually full back-log of teleplays has been lined up to ensure a steady flow of suitable material for the long season.

Original scripts, novels, short stories and stage successes will serve as the source of the bulk of the material to be used, with such names as Somerset Maugham, John Dos Passos, Thomas Hughes, Cornelia Otis Skinner, Emily Kimbrough, Thomas W. Phipps, Adrian Spies and Sandra Michael among the writers represented.

"First Vice-President," a drama adapted by S.N. Savage from Joan Transue's novel, will be the initial offering of the season on Aug. 31, with Brian Donlevy in the stellar role. It is the story of a ruthlessly ambitious executive of a prominent business organization who aware of the imminent retirement of the president, seeks to succeed to his office by any and all means.

To impress the incumbent officer and his wife with his suitability for the important position, he invites them for a weekend at his Long Island home with his family. What he hardly has cause to suspect is that his family, weary of years of his tyranny, hardly intends to back his cause and seizes the opportunity to perpetrate a unique and thorough act of revenge.

Scheduled for the second week, Monday, Sept. 7, when "Robert Montgomery Presents Your Lucky Strike Theatre, is a satire about a returning war veteran with a highly personal plan for world peace. It is adapted by Irving Gaynor Neiman from the character created by H.I. Phillips, in his nationally syndicated column, "The Sun Dial."

On Sept. 14, "Robert Montgomery Presents the Johnson's Wax Program" will offer "The Lost and the Found," a poignant story by

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Robert Collis, adapted by Agnes Eckhardt. It deals with the rehabilitation of two refugee children found in a concentration camp by an English social worker.

"Breakdown," a melodrama by Patrick Nash, concerning a scientist working on a top secret weapon, who suspects that his wife and his chief assistant are in love, will be seen on Sept. 21, when "Robert Montgomery Presents Your Lucky Strike Theatre."

Future productions planned for the popular 60-minute drama series, which will continue to use top stars of stage, screen, TV and radio in lead roles, will include: Somerset Maugham's provocative novel, "Cakes and Ale," in an adaptation by S.N. Savage; "The Deep Six," based on Martin Dibner's novel; "September Time," an original by Thomas W. Phipps; Benuzzi's "No Picnic on Mt. Kenya"; "Wings of the Morning," an original by Sandra Michael; Thomas Hughes' classic, "Tom Brown's School Days"; "The Survivors," an original by Adrian Spies; "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay," adapted from the best-seller by Cornelia Otis Skinner and Emily Kimbrough; "A Criminal Assignment," based on Jacob Hay's short story in the July 18 issue of the Saturday Evening Post; "The Big Money," from John Dos Passos' famous story and "The Duchess and the Smugs," from Pamela Franken's Harper's magazine story.

Joseph W. Bailey is executive producer of "Robert Montgomery Presents." Norman Felton will continue to direct the Lucky Strike programs. Gerald Savory, well-known director, dramatist and actor, will assume the direction of the Johnson's Wax programs, succeeding Herbert Bayard Swope, Jr., who has resigned to concentrate his activities on an upcoming NBC promotion project.

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Scenery will be designed, as before, by Syrjala. Doris Sharp is the new casting director.

"Robert Montgomery Presents Your Lucky Strike Theatre" made its network debut as an alternate Monday program on Jan. 30, 1950, with Madeline Carroll starred in an adaptation of Maugham's "The Letter." On Jan. 7, 1952, "Robert Montgomery Presents the Johnson's Wax Program" had its premiere, with Thomas Mitchell starred in Thomas Phipps' adaptation of John O'Hara's novel, "The Farmer's Hotel."

Batten, Barton, Durstine and Osborne is the agency handling the Lucky Strike account, while Needham, Louis and Brorby represent the Johnson's Wax Program.

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CREDITS FOR 'ROBERT MONTGOMERY PRESENTS' ON NBC-TV

PROGRAM: ROBERT MONTGOMERY PRESENTS
THE JOHNSON'S WAX PROGRAM

RETURN DATE: Monday, Aug. 31, 1953

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TIME: NBC-TV 9:30-10:30 p.m., EDT.

FORMAT: Full-hour drama series,

presenting stellar casts in original stories, as well as those adapted from famous novels, short stories, plays and films. A wide variety of subject matters encompasses

drama, melodrama, comedy

and farce.

CAST: Robert Montgomery appears

on the show weekly as host and narrator, occasionally starring in a particular vehicle. Each production boasts one or more stars of stage, screen and TV, plus a sterling support-

ing cast.

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: Robert Montgomery, for

Neptune Productions.

PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR: Joseph W. Bailey

ASSISTANTS: Hank Colman, Fred Cammann

DIRECTOR: Gerald Savory

WRITERS: Various

SCENERY: Syrjala

SPONSOR: The Johnson's Wax Company.

AGENCY: Needham, Louis and Brorby

ORIGINATION: New York, "live."

ORIGINAL STARTING DATE: Jan. 7, 1952

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'CIRCULATION PROMOTION FOR TV STATIONS -- UHF AND VHF' PUBLISHED AS HANDBOOK FOR NBC-TV AFFILIATES

A new handbook entitled "Circulation Promotion for Television Stations -- UHF and VHF has been published by the Advertising and Promotion Department of NBC for distribution among NBC-TV affiliates.

Based on case history information from stations that have faced circulation problems in the past, the handbook answers such questions as: "What did these stations do in launching their operation?" "How did they work with dealers and distributors?" "What kind of advertising did they use?" "What did they do in the way of contests, meetings and tie-ins?" and "What kind of audience promotion are they doing once on the air?"

As the handbook introduction explains, "This thought of being of service to you is what prompted us to become an idea-and-method clearing house-specifically, to learn from our new affiliates about their experiences (both what to do and what not to do) so that we could put this information into this handbook for your use." The book is divided into four main sections: "Principles, policies and planning." "Operations before you go on the air." "How NBC will help you build circulation" and "After you are on the air."

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TRADE NEWS

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LORETTA YOUNG TO STAR IN NEW TV DRAMA SERIES

'Letter to Loretta, ' Plays Based on Mail from Fans

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Loretta Young will make her NBC television debut <u>Sunday</u>,

<u>Sept. 20</u> as hostess-narrator-star of the new NBC-TV, program LETTER TO

LORETTA (10 p.m., EDT). Each week the program will offen original half-hour tele-plays in which the star will play the leading role.

The program is inspired by the type of fan mail which the Academy Award winner has received during her career as an actress.

Because of her interest in people, much of her mail seeks her opinion and help on matters of personal importance. The format of the program is derived from these letters.

Each week Miss Young will read a letter at the opening of the show, to set the stage for the dramatized portion of the half-hour in which the suggested answer to the fan's dilemma is enacted, with Miss Young portraying the writer. The dramatization sometimes will be in a dramatic vein, sometimes humorous.

During the series Miss Young will portray a variety of characters, ranging from the loyal wife of a small-town Western sheriff to a femme fatale who collects broken -- but wealthy -- hearts.

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"Letter to Loretta" is the initial production of Lewislon Enterprises, Inc., owners of the package. Tom Lewis, president of Lewislor, is executive producer of the program, with Matthew Rapf as producer and Robert Florey as director. Musical backgrounds are composed and conducted by Harry Lubin. Norbert Brodine, ASC, is director of photography, and Robert Wilson the announcer.

The 39-week series will be sponsored by Procter and Gamble for Tide and Lilt Home Permanent. Benton and Bowles Inc., is the agency for Tide, and Blow Co. is the agency for Lilt.

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CREDITS FOR 'LETTER TO LORETTA' ON NBC-TV

PROGRAM:

LETTER TO LORETTA

TIME:

NBC-TV, Sundays, 10 p.m.,

EDT

STARTING DATE:

Sept. 20, 1953

STAR:

Loretta Young

FORMAT:

Drama series

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER:

Tom Lewis

PRODUCER:

Matthew Rapf

DIRECTOR:

Robert Florey

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:

John Pommer

MUSIC DIRECTOR:

Harry Lubin

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY:

Norbert Brodine, A.S.C.

PRODUCTION MANAGER:

John London

STORY EDITOR:

Ruth Roberts

ART DIRECTOR:

Ralph Berger

FILM EDITOR:

Dan Kahn

WARDROBE:

Maris Donavan

MAKEUP:

Ernie Parks

ANNOUNCER:

Bob Wilson

SPONSOR:

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CREDITS FOR 'ARMSTRONG'S CIRCLE THEATRE' ON NBC-TV

PROGRAM TITLE:

"Armstrong's Circle Theatre"

RETURNING DATE:

NBC-TV, Tuesday, Sept. 1, 9:30-10 p.m., EDT

FORMAT:

Dramas based on reality,

designed to appeal to

the family circle.

STARS:

Noted stage and screen

stars supported by new

and talented TV perform-

ers.

WRITER:

Varies with each show.

PRODUCER:

Hudson Faussett

DIRECTOR:

James Sheldon

SPONSOR:

The Armstrong Cork Co.

AGENCY:

Batten, Barton, Durstine

& Osborn.

ORIGINATION:

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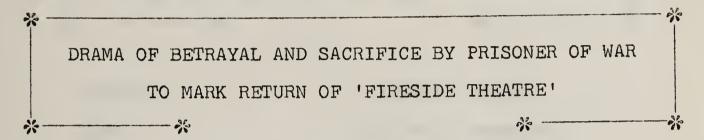
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"The Traitor," a timely drama about an American prisoner-of-war in Korea who betrays his comrades, will be presented on the FIRE-SIDE THEATRE telefilm series when it returns to NBC-TV <u>Tuesday</u>, Sept. 1 (NBC, 9 p.m., EDT) after a Summer hiatus.

reports from Korea, the program actually was filmed many months ago.

The entire action of "The Traitor," written for TV by Eugene Vale from an original story by Forrest Kleinman, takes place in and around a North Korean prison camp where a group of American prisoners are planning an escape. They are betrayed by another prisoner who, realizing too late that he has been wrong, sacrifices himself to save the soldiers he betrayed.

The title role is played by Don Keefer, with Keye Luke featured. Stage and screen star Gene Raymond appears as host of "Fireside Theatre," and Frank Wisbar is producer-director.

Procter and Gamble is the sponsor of "Fireside Theatre" for Crisco, Duz and Ivory Soap. The agency is Compton Advertising, Inc.

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TIME: NBC-TV, Tuesdays,

9 p.m., EDT

STARTING DATE: Sept. 1, 1953

FORMAT: Drama series

HOST: Gene Raymond

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR: Frank Wisbar

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER: Sidney Smith

SPONSOR: Procter and Gamble for

Crisco, Duz and Ivory

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AGENCY: Compton Advertising,

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NBC FILM DIVISION SERIES SPREAD OVER WIDE AREA AS PROGRAMS ARE SOLD TO ADDED MARKETS

"Badge 714" was sold in six new markets this week, bringing the total number of markets sold to 40, John B. Cron, national sales manager of the NBC Film Division, announced today. The new sales were to KMBC-TV, Kansas City, Mo.; WGN-TV, Chicago; and to J. Walter Thompson for the Ford Dealers of the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton, Pa.; Saginaw, Mich.; Grand Rapids, Mich. and Kalamazoo, Mich., markets.

Other new sales this week were "Douglas Fairbanks Presents" (93 markets) to WJAR-TV, Providence, R.I.; KHSL-TV, Chico, Calif., KFIA-TV, Anchorage, Alaska, and KFIF, Fairbanks, Alaska. The number of markets in which "Victory at Sea" has been sold was raised to 54 when the series was bought by the Anderson & Cairns Agency for sponsorship by Thom McCann Shoes over WBZ-TV in Boston.

The one-hour "Hopalong Cassidy" series (125 markets) was sold to KHSL-TV, Chico, Calif., KFIA-TV in Anchorage, Alaska, and KFIF-TV in Fairbanks, Alaska. The total number of markets for "Dangerous Assignment" was also brought to 125 with sales to the same three stations as "Hopalong Cassidy" above. "Captured" was sold to KGNC-TV in Amarillo, Tex.; KFIA-TV in Anchorage, and KFIF in Fairbanks. "Weekly News Review" was sold to KHSL-TV in Chico, Calif., and "Watch the World" was sold to Advertising Service Association for KFSD-TV in San Diego.

Further sales saw "Life of Riley" sold in four new markets:

KDYL-TV in Salt Lake City, KERO-TV in Bakersfield, Calif., KFIA-TV in Anchorage, and KFIF-TV in Fairbanks. "The Visitor" (38 markets) was sold to the two new Alaska stations.



NIELSEN STUDY SHOWS NBC FILM DIVISION SERIES
OF PAST NETWORK PROGRAMS HAD AVERAGE 37.2 RATING

The former network programs now being syndicated by the NBC Film Division had an average network rating of 37.2 during the past September-June season, according to Nielsen, against an average of 26.1 for all Nielsen-rated evening network programs.

The properties represented by this study are "Badge 714" (seen on the network as "Dragnet"), "Captured" (formerly "Gangbusters"), and "The Visitor" (formerly "The Doctor").

The fourth show previously seen on the NBC-TV network and now being syndicated by the Film Division is "Victory at Sea." Shown in a Sunday afternoon time period, "Victory" had, next to football, the highest rating ever attained in that period.

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NBC-New York, 8/25/53

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The program, which stars Wir Illiott as host who serves in the role of "t e friendly banker" to applicants for loans for the friendly bank," is posserved by Procte and Gamble for Tide and Prell.

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PROGRAM: ON YOUR ACCOUNT

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TIME: NBC-TV, Monday through

Friday, 4 p.m., EDT (NEW TIME: 4:30 p.m.,

EDT, starting Sept. 21)

FORMAT: Audience participation

quiz show

STAR: Win Elliott serving as

master of ceremonies

PRODUCER: Bob Quigley

DIRECTOR: Larry White, of Benton

and Bowles

ANNOUNCER: Bob Warren

WRITER: Adrian Spies

SPONSOR: Procter and Gamble for

Tide and Prell

AGENCY: Benton and Bowles

ORIGINATION: New York

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CREDITS FOR 'ROBERT MONTGOMERY PRESENTS YOUR LUCKY STRIKE THEATRE" ON NBC-TV

PROGRAM:

ROBERT MONTGOMERY PRESENTS YOUR LUCKY STRIKE THEATRE

RETURN DATE:

Monday, Sept. 7, 1953; alternate Mondays thereafter.

TIME:

NBC-TV, 9:30-10:30 p.m., EDT

FORMAT:

Full-hour dramatic program, presenting stellar casts in original stories as well as those adapted from various novels, short stories, plays and films. A wide variety of subject matter encompasses drama, melodrama, comedy and farce.

CAST:

Robert Montgomery appears on each show as host and narrator, occasionally as star actor in a particular vehicle. Each production boasts one or more stars of stage, screen or TV, plus a notable supporting cast.

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER:

Robert Montgomery, for Neptune Productions

PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR:

Joseph W. Bailey

ASSISTANTS:

Hank Colman, Fred Cammann

DIRECTOR:

Norman Felton

WRITERS:

Various

SCENERY:

Syrjala

SPONSOR:

The American Tobacco Company, for Lucky
Strike Cigarettes

AGENCY:

Batten, Barton, Durstine and Osborn, Inc.

ORIGINATION:

New York City, "live."

ORIGINAL STARTING DATE:

Jan. 30, 1950

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FOR RELEASE MONDAY, A.M., AUGUST 31, 1953

COLOR TELEVISION IN EXPERIMENTAL NBC NETWORK BROADCAST
DEMONSTRATES ADVANTAGES OF RCA COMPATIBLE SYSTEM

"Kukla, Fran and Ollie," Produced in Color, Are Seen
In Black-and-White By Regular Network Audience
Across the Nation--Weaver in Progress Report
Announces NBC Plans for Color Television

The first publicly announced experimental broadcast in compatible color television of a network show, presented yesterday (5:00-5:30 p.m., EDT) by the National Broadcasting Company, featured the KUKLA, FRAN AND OLLIE production of the opera, "St. George and the Dragon," with the NBC Symphony Orchestra, Arthur Fiedler conducting. Dave Garroway of NBC-TV's "Today" acted as commentator.

Following the broadcast, Sylvester L. Weaver, vice chairman of the NBC Board, confirmed that pursuant to special temporary authorization granted by the Federal Communications Commission for experimental purposes, several regularly scheduled sustaining shows had been colorcast without announcements in the last few months.

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At the same time Mr. Weaver revealed plans for commercial colorcasting which will go into effect if the FCC approves color broad-cast standards for the RCA compatible color television system.

Mr. Weaver pointed out that because the RCA compatible color system was used, this "Kukla, Fran and Ollie" colorcast was seen in high-definition black-and-white on television sets throughout the country.

"Today's experimental colorcast underlines a most important point," said Mr. Weaver. "Approval by the FCC of compatible standards which the RCA color system uses will mean that the public is assured of high-quality reception and performance of their black-and-white sets in years to come.

"There is no reason why anybody should hesitate to make an investment in the purchase of a black-and-white television receiver now or in the future, particularly since that receiver will continue its usefulness under compatible television standards."

"We must emphasize that quantity production of color receivers cannot be achieved for many months after FCC approval. But meanwhile, the public can get all our colorcasts on their black-and-white sets as high quality black-and-white pictures. Color makes television more exciting than ever. The first color sets with 14-inch picture size are expected to cost between \$800 and \$1,000. The television industry now offers superb black-and-white sets at low prices with large screens and with long life ahead. And every color show can be seen in black-and-white on black-and-white sets. The coming year will be television's most thrilling thus far, and no one can afford to miss it."

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Highlights in Mr. Weaver's statement on NBC color activities were:

- 1. NBC is preparing its program production schedule for color.
- 2. A series of experimental "color premieres," to include eventually all important NBC programs, will begin Sept. 28, 1953.
- 3. Virtually the entire NBC operating personnel in New York has completed a color indoctrination course.
- 4. Commercial clinics are being held for personnel of advertising agencies to familiarize them with the technique of building color commercials.
- 5. The huge Warner Brothers sound stage in Brooklyn, recently acquired by NBC, is being readied for color.
- 6. A six-time Academy Award Winner, Richard Day, is color consultant to the network and leading all research into the color element of the shows.
- 7. Plans are under way to telecast the Tournament of Roses, Pasadena, Calif., on New Year's Day through the use of an NBC mobile color unit which will feed the program to the NBC television network.
- 8. Fifty-five of NBC's affiliates already have signed color agreements to supplement their affiliation contracts, and have agreed to order color equipment. More will follow.

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9. The Bijou theatre in midtown Manhattan has been converted for projection of colorcasts on a movie-size screen.

Mr. Weaver's report showed a network with a broad base of color know-how in programming and engineering, with a trained personnel and with arrangements well under way with affiliates.

"We're ready for full-scale colorcasting," he continued.

"We have pioneered in compatible color right from the start. Ever since NBC presented the first major color program in 1949 -- a variety program in Washington starring Gladys Swarthout -- we have been steadily developing the necessary techniques."

Mr. Weaver pointed out that by the end of this year \$25,000,000 will have been invested by RCA-NBC in color research and development, and said that another \$15,000,000 would be added to the investment to establish color television as a commercial reality.

As one example of NBC pioneering and leadership in color, Weaver noted that the network's Colonial Theatre in New York is the world's first and only television studio fully equipped for major compatible color programming. He said the Colonial is now operating on a seven-days-a-week basis.

Following is Mr. Weaver's progress report on NBC color television:

of its black-and-white television schedule. A color producing unit has been established to handle this conversion. An order has gone to all producers and directors that all shows be planned with color-

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casting in mind, and that shows be prepared to move into the Colonial for their color premieres. Another directive called for submission to the color corps of all colors to be used in the painting of basic sets, the color to be passed on for artistic harmony.

Richard Day, whose "Oscars" were won as an art director, has developed special TV color techniques in scenery, costumes and makeup, and is working with paint and makeup firms in the developement of special materials for the new medium.

Beginning Sept. 28, experimental "color premieres" of major shows will be held, each moving into the Colonial in turn. Until FCC approval of standards for the RCA color system, the shows will be given a dress rehearsal in color and then put on the air in black-and-white. After FCC approval, the shows will be sent out in color over the NBC network.

The series of "color premieres" will be held at the rate of one or two a week with top NBC programs -- "Your Show of Shows," the Eddie Fisher, Bob Hope, Kate Smith and Dinah Shore programs, "Robert Montgomery Presents," "The Colgate Comedy Hour," "The Camel Newsreel," "TV Playhouse" and other shows taking in the top stars in the NBC galaxy. Shows ordinarily originating in Hollywood and Chicago will come to New York for their color premiere.

An opera, to be announced later, will be broadcast in color in October.

As a special event in color, an NBC mobile unit is planning to go to California to colorcast the Rose Bowl parade in Pasadena on New Year's Day. Other colorcasts in connection with the holiday season are also planned.

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 2. FACILITIES: All NBC experimental color broadcasts now originate from the Colonial Theater, which is operating seven days a week. Equipped with four RCA color cameras, special lighting equipment and monitoring and testing facilities, the Colonial has been the training ground for almost a year for color production crews.

Studio 3-H in Radio City is equipped for experimental work. It was from this studio that experimental color programs were originated for use by engineers experimenting in development of the NTSC standards, NBC alone being equipped for large scale compatible color programming.

The huge Warner Brothers sound stage in Brooklyn, recently acquired by NBC, will be available for colorcasting and will offer greatly expanded facilities for color. In addition, the NBC audience studios in Burbank, Calif., will be set up as originating points for color programs, and these programs will be brought across the country.

One mobile unit is now nearing completion, and others are on order, to provide coverage of special events ranging from football games to the New Orleans Mardi Gras. These units, Mr. Weaver explained will be reaching out into everything that is colorful on the American scene. Cherry blossom time in Washington, brilliant autumn foliage in New England and other facets of the country's beauty will be within the focus of the NBC color cameras.

Also included in available color facilities will be a 300-seat theater for projecting colorcasts on a movie-size screen. This theater, the Bijou just off Broadway, will be used to demonstrate NBC color programs to thousands both in and out of the trade. This theater, Mr. Weaver said, will be very busy until mass production of color sets is achieved.

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3. ADVERTISING: A series of commercial color clinics is under way, with advertising agencies invited in for familiarization with the new technique. In one typical clinic, held last week, one of the leading agencies sent art directors and other creative personnel to the Colonial for work with an NBC producing team on the preparation of sample commercials on three of the agency's accounts. There commercials were piped into the Center Theater for viewing on RCA color sets by 90 representatives of the agency. Clinics will continue until all advertising agencies and NBC clients will have had an opportunity to work in the new sales medium.

A special showing of an NBC color program to a mass audience will occur on Sept. 21 and 22, when a half-hour show starring Nanette Fabray and the Hit Parade Dancers will be piped from the Colonial to the annual convention of the Association of National Advertisers in Chicago. Viewing the demonstration will be 400 members. Several sample commercials developed during the clinics will be included in the show. The occasion will mark the first demonstration of the RCA color system in the Middle West. The show will not be broadcast.

4. <u>NETWORK PLANNING</u>: Experimental programs originating in color cameras have been going out over the NBC network. Thus, colorcasts have been seen in black-and-white on receivers all over the country. Fifty-five stations in the TV network already have signed colorcasting amendments to their affiliation agreements. Affiliates as well as the NBC owned-and-operated stations in Hollywood, Chicago, Cleveland and Washington are ordering the relatively modest amount of extra equipment needed for monitoring and adjusting the color signals. The cost to a station of this extra equipment is about \$25,000.

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 Within the next six months, NBC plans to be originating some of its major shows in color from Hollywood and Chicago, and soon thereafter from other points along the network.

5. PERSONNEL TRAINING: More than 90 percent of NBC operating personnel in New York have completed a color indoctrination course, featuring demonstrations in staging, direction, make-up, costuming and set designing. Lectures are based on techniques researched by NBC during many months of intensive developmental work in the medium.

A representative of the NBC color corps conducted courses in the Chicago and Hollywood production centers. Representatives of other network stations have come to New York for indoctrination, and the program is continuing.

The Colonial Theatre has already developed two complete 15-man camera crews, and is training additional camera and engineering personnel.

"Color adds a new dimension to television," said Mr.

Weaver. "It also adds a new dimension to our opportunity to serve the public by enhancing the quality of the programs the public will continue to see on existing black-and-white sets as well as on the color receivers of the future."

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FOUR NEW APPOINTMENTS TO NBC RADIO SALES STAFF
BRING TOTAL OF ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES TO 12 MEN

A major expansion of the NBC Radio Network Sales Department has been made with the appointment of four new sales executives, it was announced today by Fred Horton, director of Radio Network Sales.

These appointments bring the department's sales personnel to 12, seven of whom had previously been in the combined radio-TV sales department, and one who joined the network staff from the local WNBT sales department.

The new appointments to the Radio Sales staff are: John Birge, who has more than 26 years experience in advertising and sales, and comes to NBC from the J. Walter Thompson agency, where he was the account executive on NBC, RCA Victor Records and RCA institutional advertising; James H. Fuller, formerly with Young and Rubicam as account executive servicing the American Home Food account, previously with McCall's for seven years; John Doscher, who comes to NBC from the sales staff of the American Broadcasting Company; and Jack H. Mann, formerly with the WNBT local sales.

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'PHILCO TV PLAYHOUSE' TO START SIXTH SEASON ON NBC SEPT. 6
WITH FRED COE'S PRODUCTION OF SHAKESPEARE'S 'OTHELLO'

Torin Thatcher Flies from London to Play Title Role

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William Shakespeare's "Othello" will be the presentation on PHILCO TELEVISION PLAYHOUSE on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>Sept. 6</u> (9 p.m., EDT) when this outstanding dramatic program begins its sixth season on NBC-TV.

Torin Thatcher, well-known British Shakespearean actor, will portray the Moorish warrior in Fred Coe's production of the classic tragedy.

This will be the second "Playhouse" appearance by Thatcher, who three years ago played in "Mist on the Waters." He performed on the American stage in "Billy Budd" and "Edward, My Son," among other plays, and also has made several motion pictures.

Olive Deering and Walter Matthau, who have appeared regularly on "Television Playhouse," will play the roles of Desdemona and Iago, respectively, in "Othello." The rest of the cast includes Gene Lyons as Cassio, Basil Langton as Montano, Jack Manning as Roderigo and Marion Seldes as Emilia.

Thatcher flew from London just a few days ago, and immediately upon his arrival in New York went into rehearsal.

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Costumes for the full-hour presentation have been designed by John Boxer and are not Elizabethan in character. As Producer Coe explains, the costumes "will be of no particular period."

In planning a television presentation of "Othello," Coe states, "Here we have a story which in the theatre usually takes at least two hours to perform. This means that great slices in the text have had to be made. Therefore, after a careful study of the text, we cut the play to the basic scenes of the play. We rearranged them to suit our studio and equipment, and we then composed enough dialogue and action to unite the scenes we wish to retain."

The emphasis in this streamlined edition of the classic will be on the melodrama and the jealousy fomented by the villainous Iago. Del Mann will direct. Sets have been designed by Otis Riggs and Mel Bourne. Gordon Duff is associate producer of "Television Playhouse."

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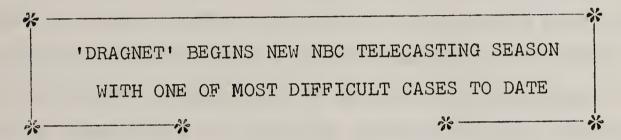
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Detective Sgt. Joe Friday (played by Jack Webb) runs into one of the most difficult cases of his police career on Thursday,

Sept. 3 when NBC-TV's DRAGNET resumes its Fall series on the documentary police action dramas.

Two nine-year-old boys steal five white rats from a research laboratory on the opening show, setting off the biggest search in the history of the Los Angeles police. The rats have been inoculated with pneumonic germs of a type which could cause an epidemic of gigantic proportions within 24 hours.

Friday, assisted by Officer Frank Smith (Ben Alexander), sets out to find the boys with the stolen rats, although he has no description of the lads, other than their ages.

Originally presented on NBC-TV in January, 1951, "Dragnet" was first introduced to the entertainment world as a radio series in 1949. So popular was the show, which is based on actual cases of the Los Angeles Police Department, that its adaptation for television was a logical step.

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NBC-TV NEWS

LIST OF CREDITS OF NBC-TV'S 'DRAGNET'

PROGRAM: DRAGNET

TIME: NBC-TV, Thursday, 9 p.m., EDT

RETURN DATE: Thursday, Sept. 3, 1953

STARS: Jack Webb as Detective Sgt. Joe

Friday. Ben Alexander is featured

as officer Frank Smith.

FORMAT: Dramatizations of cases from the

official files of the Los Angeles

Police Department.

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: Stanley Meyer

PRODUCER: Michael Meshekoff

DIRECTOR: Jack Webb

TECHNICAL ADVISOR: Chief William H. Parker of the Los

Angeles Police Department

WRITERS: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander and John

Robinson

ANNOUNCER: George Fenneman

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: Edward Coleman

PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR: Sam Ruman

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS: Sam Ruman and Mark Evans

SUPERVISING FILM EDITOR: Robert M. Leed

FILM EDITOR: Irving Schoenberg

SOUND EDITOR: George Nicholson

MUSIC: Walter Schumann - an original score

ORCHESTRATION: Nathan G. Scott

ORIGINATION: Filmed at the Walt Disney Studios,

Burbank, Calif.

ORIGINAL STARTING DATE ON TV: January, 1951

SPONSOR: Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co. for

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Chesterfield Cigarettes

AGENCY: Cunningham & Walsh, Inc.

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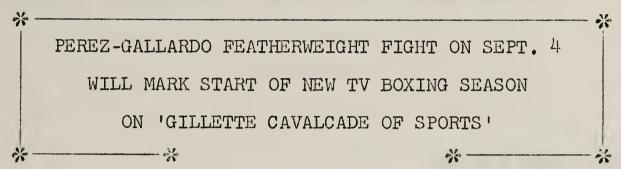
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RETURNING SERIES

The best in boxing returns to the nation's television screens on Friday, Sept. 4 when NBC-TV presents the Lulu Perez-Dave Gallardo featherweight battle on the GILLETTE CAVALCADE OF SPORTS (10 p.m., EDT).

Veteran sportscaster Jimmy Powers will be the commentator from ringside at Madison Square Garden, New York.

The Brooklyn-born Perez, only 20 years old, is being heralded as the most sensational featherweight prospect since Willie Pep began his ring career in 1940. Perez, who has lost only one of 32 bouts, is riding a victory streak of 21 straight, seven of them this year. He has scored 17 knockouts.

Gallardo, three years older, is expected to provide Perez with his toughest challenge to date. The California state champion, a native of Los Angeles, has a 64-bout record which includes 46 wins, 13 losses and five draws. He achieved prominence in April when he

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upset Percy Bassett, interim featherweight titlist. It was a spectacular victory and certainly boosted Gallardo as a top-ranking contender. Gallardo, who turned pro in 1948, is trained by ex-feather king Chalky Wright, and managed by Jimmy Hamilton, California chinchilla rancher.

"Cavalcade of Sports" is sponsored by the Gillette Safety Razor Company. Maxon, Inc., is the advertising agency.

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DORIS SHARP IS NAMED CASTING DIRECTOR FOR NEPTUNE PRODUCTIONS

Doris Sharp has been named casting director for Neptune Productions, the New York organization headed by Robert Montgomery and John E. Gibbs, which produces ROBERT MONTGOMERY PRESENTS on NBC-TV each Monday at 9:30 p.m., EDT.

Miss Sharp will be in charge of all casting for "Robert Montgomery Presents The Johnson's Wax Program" and its alternate Monday night counterpart, "Robert Montgomery Presents Your Lucky Strike Theatre," as well as future TV and radio dramatic shows produced by Neptune. She recently returned from a business trip to Hollywood, where she contacted talent for forthcoming Montgomery programs.

Miss Sharp was born in London, England, and has resided in this country since childhood. While employed as a receptionist for a major radio-TV network, it occurred to her that there was a need in the industry for a central directory for talent, where actors and other show business talent could be contacted and have messages left for them. She accordingly quit her job to found Radio Registry and subsequently pioneered in general casting for the TV industry. She continues to head Radio Registry, independent of her casting activities in behalf of Neptune Productions.

Among the programs for which she has acted as casting consultant were the Bob Hope and Melvyn Douglas TV shows. She has also done talent management, notably in the cases of Rex Thompson, presently being groomed for stardom by MGM, and Lin McCarthy, star of the 3-D Technicolor film soon to be released, "Five Men West." Miss Sharp is the author of "How to Get into Radio and Television," presently used as a text book by the Fordham University drama department.

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A SILVER ANNIVERSARY SALUTE TO 'FARM AND HOME HOUR'

"Today, after more than 5,000 broadcasts, this program is still giving farmers those things which have earned it just about all awards made for agricultural service."

This silver anniversary salute to NBC's NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR, which marks its 25th birthday Saturday, Sept. 12 (1 p.m., EDT), is offered in an article in the September issue of Country Gentleman Magazine. The article, by John Strohm, is titled "Radio's Great Big 'Party Line'."

For the past seven years the program has been sponsored by Allis-Chalmers on 199 NBC stations.

"We sponsor it because we believe it renders a real service to agriculture -- and anything that helps agriculture helps us," the author quotes William Roberts, its president, as saying.

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24,895,000 TV RECEIVERS IN U.S. HOMES ACCORDING TO NBC AUG. 1 ESTIMATE

A total of 376,000 TV sets was installed during the month of July bringing the U.S. total of homes with TV sets as of Aug. 1, 1953, to 24,895,000 according to an estimate released today by Hugh M. Beville, Jr., director of research and planning for the National Broadcasting Company.

In the twelve months since Aug. 1, 1952, 6,540,000 U.S. families have acquired a TV set. //
This compares with an increase of 5,083,000 TV families during the period of Aug. 1, 1951, through Aug. 1, 1952.

As of Aug. 1 there were 107 NBC-TV affiliates, 80 of which were interconnected. The interconnected network serves areas which account for 24,283,000 or 97.5 per cent of all U.S. TV sets.

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TRADE NEWS

August 31, 1953

A live studio presentation of a briefing session officially launching "Exercise Mariner," NATO's big Fall maneuvers, the largest peacetime international training exercise ever attempted, with 500,000 men, 300 ships and 1,000 aircraft participating, will be featured by the National Broadcasting Company in a telecast on Sunday, Sept. 13 (3-3:30 p.m., EDT).

"Exercise Mariner" will get under way on Wednesday, Sept. 16, The NBC telecast, to be presented as a public service, will serve to show the American taxpayer how his money is being spent in the North Atlantic defense alliance in which 19 nations have joined forces for survival against possible attack. It will enable viewers to understand the functioning of the unified command, the communiques which it issues and the movements of the fleets and armies.

The program setting will simulate a large planning and briefing room with wallcharts, model ships and planes to show fleet and air
operations, with officers of the Allied Command Atlantic discussing
various phases of the operation as they occur.

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 The atmosphere of the briefing room will be completely lifelike and realistic, giving the viewers the impression that they are in the midst of a vital military planning and operating session.

The program will open with a general explanation of the briefing session, and the significance of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in terms of the defense of the free world, by Admiral Lynde D. McCormick, U.S. Navy, Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic ("SACLANT").

Admiral McCormick will introduce an officer who helped plan last year's "Operation Mainbrace," to tell about that exercise and narrate film scenes from it. Another officer will explain "Exercise Mariner," stating principles behind its conception. The various other operational officers will, with the use of visual aids, explain other phases such as ships and aircraft involved, logistical problems, air operations, anti-submarine warfare, etc. Interspersed will be films of the fleet assembling at Norfolk, NATO Headquarters of the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic, and in England. There will be a summary and a closing interpretation by Admiral McCormick.

"Mariner" will be a 19-day event, the first combined exercise involving three area commanders of NATO: Admiral McCormick; General Alfred M. Gruenther, U.S.A., Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and Vice Admiral Sir John Edelsten, British Royal Navy, Allied Commander-in-Chief Channel.

In the exercise, the BLUE forces, representing NATO, are at war with a mythical enemy designated as ORANGE. Forces of both sides

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will range from the Northern waters off Iceland, Southward to Gibraltar. In this area, the BLUE forces will be under attack from ORANGE surface raiders, submarines and land-based air craft.

To combat the ORANGE menace, the convoy system will be used throughout the NATO Naval commands with a carrier-borne air force.

A mobile logistic force will provide replenishment at sea to the participating vessels in MARINER.

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MUSICAL 'FAVORITES OF THE NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR'

ISSUED BY RCA VICTOR AS TRIBUTE TO RADIO PROGRAM

CELEBRATING ITS SILVER ANNIVERSARY SEPT 12.

Though its broadcasting of farm news, weather and market reports and big on-the-scene agricultural events have been significant elements in the success of NBC's NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR during its 25 years on the air, music has helped make the show one of the most popular in radio.

Coincident with the program's silver anniversary broadcast Saturday, Sept. 12 (1-2 p.m., EDT), RCA Victor is issuing "Favorites of the National Farm and Home Hour" as a tribute to what it calls "one of broadcasting's greatest institutions."

The recorded salute to the program will be released in a 45 E.P. album and on a 33 and 1/3 rpm record. Like the program, the album features the Homesteaders Orchestra directed by Whitey Berquist, and the Farm and Home Quartet. //

The program's theme, the "U.S. Field Artillery March," opens the collection in an orchestral medley with "It's a Beautiful Day in Chicago" and Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" March. The male (more)

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quartet's version of "Kentucky Babe" follows, displaying prominent horn, clarinet and vocal solos along with a memorable passage for banjo and winds. Next comes a rousing interpretation of the march, "Pride o' the land," in which the usual brass instruments are set off by flourishes in the violins. In "Wagon Wheels" the strings provide an accompaniment to the male voices, with an impressive bass solo at the close.

"Lassus Trombone," renowned for its sliding, music-hall effects wherever band music is played, comes next, followed by "Skip to My Lou," reminiscent of a square dance; "Whistler and His Dog," and Stephen Foster's "Camptown Races."

The "National Farm and Home Hour" has devoted its full attention to the problems of the farmer since it began over station KDKA, Pittsburgh, in 1923. Originated by Frank Mullen, who later was executive vice president of NBC, the program moved to Chicago, where it became the first network broadcast from that city. At first Mullen was very much the whole show, acting as commentator, market and weather analyst, and pianist. The well-known introduction, "It's a beautiful day in Chicago," was first voiced over the air during the gloom of the depression by Everett Mitchell, the program's emcee since 1930. Rain or shine, this has been the program's cheery trademark. Although based in Chicago, the majority of "National Farm and Home Hour" broadcasts today contain "remote" segments -- interviews and special events direct from their source, giving the farmer a front seat at everything that is important to his business.

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AMERICAN SONG-AND-HISTORY PROGRAM WITH SIGMUND SPAETH AND SINGER BETTY JOHNSON TO MARK RETURN OF 'AMERICAN INVENTORY' SERIES

This country's popular songs -- from Colonial times to the present -- are an index of its history.

Dr. Sigmund Spaeth, the nationally known "tune detective," assisted by vocalist Betty Johnson, will illustrate this view in "American Song" on AMERICAN INVENTORY when it returns to NBC-TV Sunday. Sept. 13 (2:00-2:30 p.m., EDT), after a Summer recess.

Included in this bird's-eye view of the nation's history in song will be "Yankee Doodle," "Free America" and "Believe Me, If All Those Endearing Young Charms," all representing the Colonial period.

Mid-19th century examples will be "Oh, Susanna," "Dixie," "Battle

Hymn of the Republic," "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground" and "We Never Speak as We Pass By." For the Gay Nineties period there will be "A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," followed by "A Long, Long Trail,"

"Over There" and "Alexander's Ragtime Band" for the World War I era.

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Illustrating the Twenties will be "Ain't We Got Fun?," with "All the Things You Are" and "Buttons and Bows" as examples from the more recent past.

Miss Johnson, a pert and pretty girl of 23, recently came to New York from her home town, Charlotte, N.C. She is a member of the Johnson Family Singers, made up of "Ma and Pa" (as they are known professionally), three sons and daughter Betty. They have been a regional radio network feature for many years.

Ken Roberts will be host for the "American Song" telecast. Grey Lockwood will direct. William Hodapp produces the series, and Robert Wald is associate producer.

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CREDITS FOR 'AMERICAN INVENTORY' ON NBC-TV

PROGRAM:

AMERICAN INVENTORY

RETURN DATE:

Sunday, Sept. 13

TIME:

NBC-TV, Sundays, 2:00-2:30 p.m.,

EDT

DESCRIPTION:

Weekly experimental venture into adult education by television, produced under a grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

FORMAT:

Various, including drama, "living newspaper," panel demonstration, puppetry, ballet, revue.

SEPT. 13 PROGRAM:

"American Song," a look at the country's popular songs (from Colonial times to the present) as a reflection of the country's history. Featuring Dr. Sigmund Spaeth, well known as the "Tune Detective," and vocalist Betty

Johnson.

PRODUCER:

William Hodapp

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER:

Robert Wald

DIRECTOR:

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SERIES BEGAN:

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LAWRENCE AND LEE 'RAILROAD HOUR' MUSIC DRAMAS TO BE INCLUDED

IN THEIR PUBLISHED WORKS UNDER NEW ONE-YEAR CONTRACT

Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee, writing team for NBC radio's THE RAILROAD HOUR (Mondays, 8 p.m., EDT), have been signed by Harms-Witmark-Remick, music publishers, to a one-year pact. During the past three years, the duo has penned more than 50 original musical dramas for the half-hour radio program. The contract calls for publication of some of these originals as a prime project.

First of the musical romances to be published will be "Annie Laurie," the first Lawrence and Lee original broadcast on "The Railroac Hour" over NBC on April 2, 1951. This will be followed by "Roaring Camp," a romance of the Gold Rush, based on an original Bret Harte story. The publishers plan to make the musicals available to schools, colleges and amateur groups, many of whom have requested the sponsors of "The Railroad Hour" (the Association of American Railroads) to release published versions of the material.

In addition to the preparation of their "chamber musicals" for Harms, Lawrence and Lee will turn out music and lyrics for popular publication. They were elected to membership in ASCAP last year, after being sponsored by David Rose and Johnny Mercer.

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